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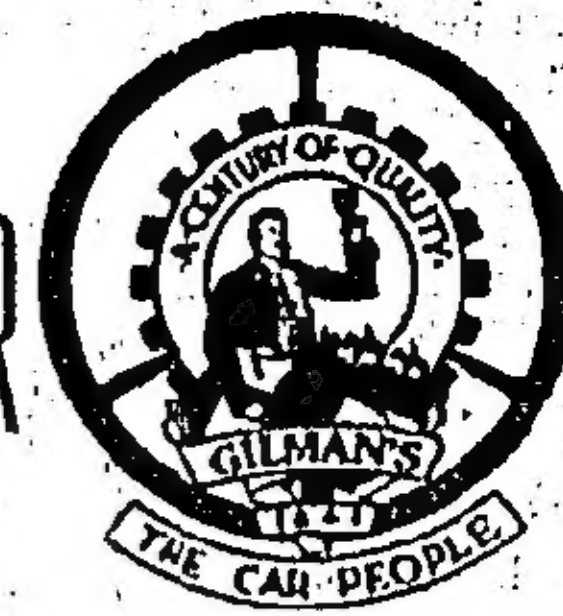
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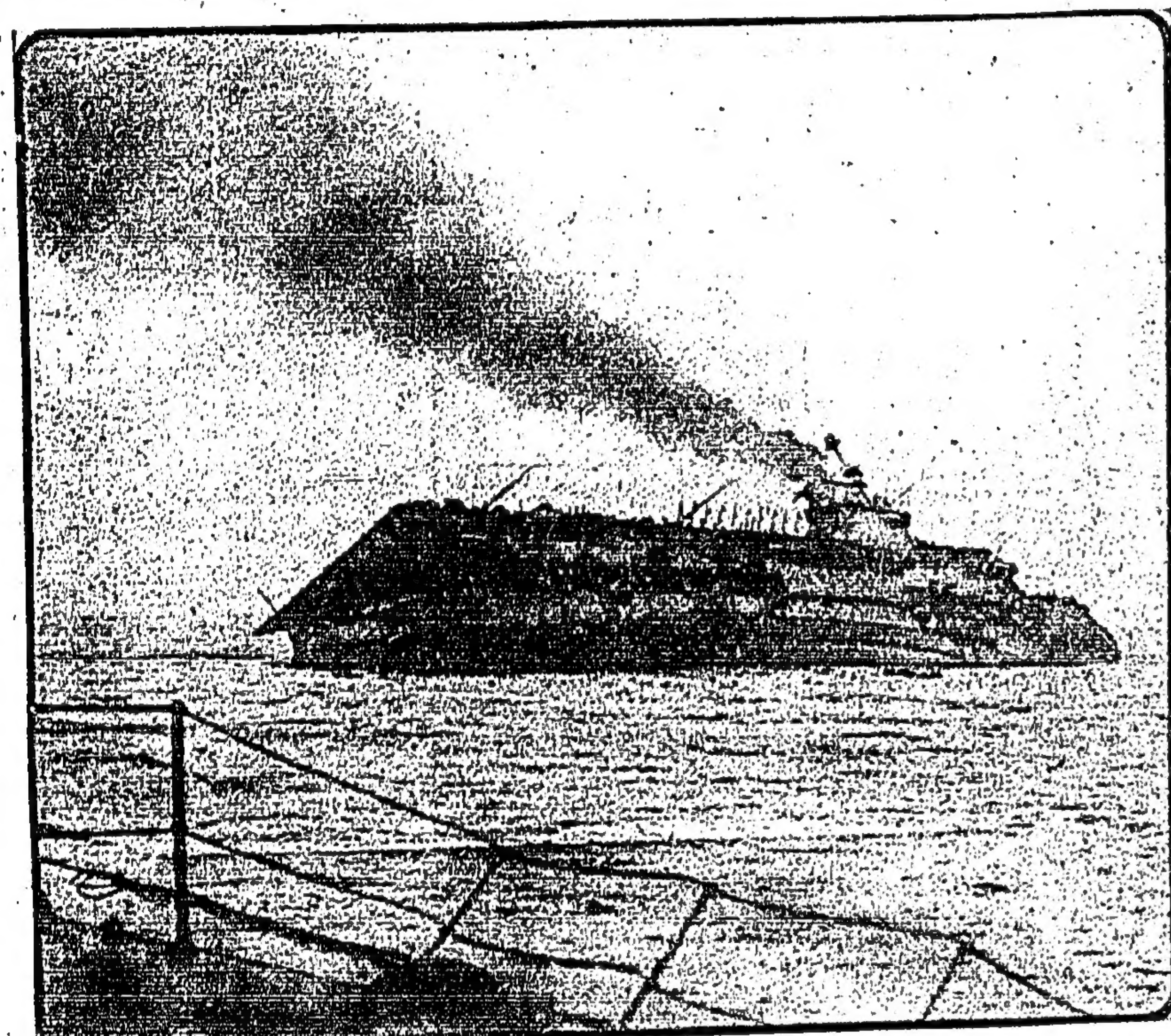


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Unnamed Heroes of Royal Air Force In Great Battle

LONE BOMBER FIGHTS FIVE MESSERSCHMIDTS

THE MOST MOVING PICTURE OF THE WAR



THE aircraft carrier Courageous, struck by a torpedo when on patrol on September 17, sinking in the sunset. She has heeled over, her crew are scrambling down the ship's side and into the boats. Many have leaped into the sea and are swimming towards the escorting destroyer from which this picture was taken. The captain, Captain W. T. Makeig-Jones, can be seen on the bridge. He did not leave, and went down with his ship, saluting the White Ensign. A few minutes later the Courageous turned turtle and sank, carrying 515 officers and men with her. Six hundred and eighty-seven others were saved. This picture was only recently released.

SOVIET ADVANCE HELD BY FINNS

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Finnish positions on the eastern sector of the Mannerheim Line are still intact.

In the western sector, where the Russians broke through in the vicinity of Summa, the Finns appear to have held up any further advances and the Reds are not yet in touch with the main Finnish defences in front of Viborg.

The Soviet lines in front of Viborg form a salient with Koivisto as the apex.

Although the Reds have again reiterated their claim to the capture of the Koivisto fortress, the Finns still state that the fortifications are in their hands.

To-day's Finnish communique states that Saturday was marked by local Russian attacks in which they suffered heavy losses.

Finnish artillery showed increased activity, and dispersed several detachments as well as destroyed over 17 tanks.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the Finns repulsed the enemy and captured 27 machine-guns, 21 Lewis guns and destroyed two tanks.

In the direction of Petsamo, a Finnish patrol of ten men repulsed a detachment of 180 on skis.

Soviet Pilots Captured
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Finns claim that they have taken two Russian airmen as prisoners. These airmen were involved in the Soviet bombing of the Swedish town of Pajala, they claim.

The plane was forced down in Finnish territory on the way home. The captive airmen state that their squadron set out from Murmansk to bomb Finnish headquarters at Rovaniemi but did not reach their objective.

The town of Pajala is some way off the direct route from Murmansk to Rovaniemi.

FINNS EVACUATE TO COPENHAGEN

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—One hundred Finnish children and some mothers will leave here for Copenhagen on March 5. They are the first batch of evacuees which Denmark, like the other Scandinavian countries, is to receive.

At the same time a second contingent of 300 Danish metal workers left Copenhagen for Helsinki yesterday.

This is part of a big plan to help Finland in which the trade unions in Norway, Sweden and Denmark are sending skilled workers to keep Finnish industries going while the Finnish workers are fighting at the front.

LONDON, FEB. 25 (REUTER).—THE R.A.F. CARRIED OUT ANOTHER EXTENSIVE FLIGHT OVER HELIGOLAND BIGHT AND NORTH-WEST GERMANY YESTERDAY.

This time they met with some opposition but six separate attacks were beaten off and all the British planes got home safely after completing their task.

One Bristol Blenheim bomber was attacked by five Messerschmidt 109 fighters while it was returning from Heligoland Bight and the German Friesian Islands with some of the most valuable photographs yet taken over enemy territory.

Despite the superior speed of the enemy fighters and the fact that one machine-gun was practically out of action, the British plane got away.

The enemy was first sighted by the R.A.F. plane when it was flying in a clear patch of sky 2,000 feet up.

CANADIAN AIR FORCE ACROSS

Arrival Of First Squadron

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The first squadron of the Canadian Air Force has arrived in England. The squadron landed at a north-western port and without leaving harbour left by special train for an R.A.F. station in the south of England.

Captain H. H. Balfour, Under Secretary for Air, welcomed them on behalf of the Air Minister.

Canadians "High Trust"
He made a short speech at the quayside after the men had landed. He said that the Canadians were heirs of a great tradition of predecessors.

"We know this high trust will be safe in your hands," he concluded.

Lord Derby also spoke, wishing the men a happy time. "I wish the Boche something I know he will get, and that is a hell of a time," he said.

LATEST

2 INDIANS SHOT DEAD

Sensational Wanchai Shooting Affray

Two Indians are dead and a third in hospital suffering from gunshot wounds as the result of a sensational shooting affray in Jaffe Street, Wanchai last night. Murder and suicide are indicated in the police report.

The victims are:
DEAD
Santa Singh, Watchman No. 331;
Lall Singh, Watchman No. 316;
WOUNDED
Inder Singh, Watchman No. 389.

According to the police report, Lall Singh ran amok shortly after three o'clock this morning.

He shot Santa Singh through the chest and then turned his 38 revolver on Inder Singh, who received a bullet wound in the thigh.

The shooting occurred on the third floor of 93, Jaffe Road.

After the shooting Lall Singh apparently ran up to the roof, still armed with his revolver, and then fled across the intervening roofs to the top of 77, Jaffe Road.

His body was discovered there later this morning. In his right hand was his revolver and he had a bullet wound through the head.

Lall Singh was still alive when his body was discovered and he was immediately taken to Queen Mary Hospital. He died in hospital at 5.35 a.m.

The pilot immediately dived his plane towards sea level to prevent an attack from below and to restrict the movements of the Germans.

On the way down one plane attacked it from above and the others followed, three on the port side and another at the stern.

After this attack they gained height again and dived down again from both sides.

The R.A.F. plane, wheeling to left and right, fought them off by turning its nose towards each attacking plane as it came down.

Escaped In Cloud Bank
Three minutes after the battle started, the British pilot saw a bank of clouds 3,000 feet above him.

He decided to take cover in them and roared up towards the clouds in a series of steep right-handed turns.

One Messerschmidt promptly attacked him from above and another attacked him from below.

Beating them off the R.A.F. machine continued up and entered the cloud bank.

Here the Nazis lost contact and had to abandon the chase.

The R.A.F. machine returned home with six bursts of bullets in it but no one was injured. The photographs were intact.

Five Against One
LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—An authoritative description of the air battle states that the British bomber was attacked from above, the left and rear by five Messerschmidt fighters of the 109 type.

Despite the enemy's superior speed, the fact that it was hit six times by machine-gun fire and that one of the British machine-guns was virtually out of action, the bomber succeeded in evading its pursuers and returned safely to its base with valuable photographs which it had previously obtained over enemy territory.

All members of the crew escaped injury.

Sweden's Exchange Precautions

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Riksdag to-day approved the Swedish Government's measures to safeguard the country's exchange to ensure the importation of vital commodities and to provide for purchases abroad for the nation's defence.

Only authorised dealers may buy and sell foreign exchange and then only for special purposes.

The measures are to be enforced immediately.

THIS IS A RELIC OF 1918



THIS HUGE SHELL dug up on a farm in the peaceful Somme valley looks like one from the Allies' own giant rail guns in the present war. But it is a relic, just discovered, of a war that is 25 years old. If explosive is found to be still good, it will go into a new shell.

Hitler Offers Mediation In Finland As Neutrals Are Warned—

NAZIS PREPARED TO USE FORCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Hitler is now prepared to mediate in the Russo-Finnish War, according to the well-informed Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Sunday Despatch."

The Correspondent reports that Stalin is prepared to accept German mediation, provided it attains a "face-saving" victory for the Red Army.

The "Sunday Despatch" states that Hitler is attempting to hasten the end of the conflict by putting pressure to bear on the Scandinavian countries in order to prevent the transit of volunteers to Finland.

The newspaper states that the Scandinavian countries have been warned that unless they comply with Germany's "friendly suggestions," force will be utilised against them.

Hitler "Guarantee"
At the same time, Hitler is prepared to give a guarantee to the Scandinavian countries that their neutrality will not be violated by either Germany or Russia if they stay out of the Russo-Finnish conflict.

Despite this assurance, Hitler is reported by the "Sunday Despatch" correspondent to have warned the Scandinavian bloc that unless their neutrality becomes more amenable to the Nazi viewpoint, Germany will be forced to counter the British.

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3-POWER TALKS

Denmark, Norway, And Sweden In Conference

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A conference of the Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Norway and Sweden opened this afternoon.

After a luncheon together, the Ministers were received by King Christian, after which the full conference of Ministers and advisers began in the Christiansborg Palace.

Dr. Munch, the Danish Foreign Minister, who presided, before going into the conference said that no hard and fast agenda had been prepared, but only a very general one.

Both M. Gunther (Swedish Foreign Minister) and M. Koht (Norwegian Foreign Minister) have planned to return to their capitals to-night.

Official Communique

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A communique issued at the close of the Three-Power Conference states that the position in connection with the Russian-Finnish conflict was discussed.

The Ministers have emphasised the most serious and profound desire of all northern peoples that the conflict may at an early date be brought to a peaceful solution which will preserve the full independence of Finland.

They have ascertained their unanimity in respect of neutrality. They reject all assertions that pressure is exercised by one side or the other, and they intend to continue their policy impartially and independently in their relations to all states.

The communique says that the **PLEASE Turn To Page 9.**

Russian Break Through Will Not Weaken Finns

By WEBB MILLER (UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The Russians' capture of advance positions on the Mannerheim Line constitutes the Finns' most serious reverse since the commencement of the war, but in my judgment based on two months with the Finnish army and many visits to the Karelian isthmus front, this does not foreshadow a collapse of Finnish resistance or Finnish debacle.

So long as both ends of the Mannerheim Line remain firmly anchored by big gun batteries at Koivisto at the right end and by Lake Ladoga batteries near Taipale at the left, Red troops cannot exploit their possession of forward Mannerheim positions.

These heavy guns still are able to hurl serious crossfire into Soviet positions. Moreover, on the larger part of the 60-mile Mannerheim front, the Finns still maintained their original positions, which have been **PLEASE Turn To Page 9.**

SO THE NAZIS GAVE A SILVER LOVING CUP!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (UP).—The German Air Ministry, through the German Legation in Copenhagen, has forwarded a silver loving cup to Captain Meyer of the Danish steamer Feddy which rescued two German pilots in the North Sea on October 8.

In the meantime, however, German airmen on February 9 killed several of the Feddy's crew when the ship was en route to England. They strafed the ship with their machine-guns and the ship narrowly escaped destruction. She was rescued by British vessels and brought to a British port.

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BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND

A Variety Concert in aid of the British War Organisation Fund will take place at the Kowloon Cricket Club, on March 19th, at 9.15 p.m.

His Excellency The Governor and Lady Northcote have kindly consented to be present.

Tickets can be obtained from: Mrs. Phillips, 28 Kadoorie Avenue, Tel. 57997.

and from the Kowloon Cricket Club.

POST OFFICE

INWARD MAILS	
Amoy	Feb. 26.
Hainan and Fort Bayard	Feb. 26.
Hainan	Feb. 26.
Manila	Feb. 26.
Manila	Feb. 26.
Straits	Feb. 26.
Bangkok and Tourane	Feb. 27.
Egypt	Feb. 27.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th January)	Feb. 27.
Halifax	Feb. 27.
Shanghai	Feb. 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 18th January)	Feb. 27.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 17th February	Feb. 28.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 21st February	Feb. 28.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	Feb. 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Feb. 28.
Manila	Feb. 28.
Shanghai	Feb. 28.
U.S.A., and Manila (San Francisco date, 31st Jan.)	Feb. 28.

OUTWARD MAILS	
Bangkok	1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	2.30 p.m.
Canton	2.00 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27	
Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamaua and Tulagi	8.30 a.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya	10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	
Parcels	Feb. 27, 11 a.m.
Ord.	Feb. 27, Noon.
Halifax	Feb. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hainan	1.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples 24th March	

G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 27, 2.45 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 6th March.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 27, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 4th March.	

K.P.O. and G.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 27, 7 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th March.	
G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
Parcels	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Reg.	Feb. 28, 0.15 a.m.
Ord.	Feb. 28, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco—due San Francisco 21st March.	
G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 28, 0.30 a.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 16th March, 1940, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 9th March, 1940 to Saturday, 16th March, 1940, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG FO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 26th February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractional making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

TRAPPED AIRMAN SAVED

LONDON. While a young aircraftman fought bravely for life in a quagmire, he was dragged him under, watched by his terrified wife and mother-in-law, two young brother

Western Front has a Blitzkrieg rehearsal

TOMMIES GO OVER TOP IN MAKE-BELIEVE WAR

DR. GOEBBELS'S tame newspapers are working up his latest propaganda campaign—rumours of war to come in the Near East between Russia and the Allies—to crescendo pitch.

Russia is being told that Britain, France, and Turkey are massing an army 1,000,000 strong to attack the Soviet across the Caucasus.

Britain is being warned that Russia is massing troops—variously reported as up to a total of 800,000—to attack Iraq, Afghanistan, and India.

MYSTERY MOVE

THE purpose behind this campaign is not clear. To begin with it is not true.

Authoritative quarters in London have denied that Britain, France, and Turkey were hatching any such plot. They also denied that Russia was massing men along the Iranian and Afghan frontiers.

Dr. Goebbels, it is therefore thought, may have one of three aims in view:

1.—To hearten the German people by deluding them into the belief that Britain and France will shortly have more trouble on their hands.

2.—To stir up a war between Russia and the Allies.

3.—To frighten Britain into letting Germany off with an easy peace.

It is, in any case, a clear indication that Germany is still striving frantically to wriggle out of a full armed clash with the powerful Allied Forces.

ALL FAILED

IT will be recalled that Germany has made several attempts in this direction. All failed.

First, there were the peace "proposals" of Herr Hitler last October. The Allies answered "No!"

Then came various subtle moves designed to separate France from Britain. France refused to listen.

Finally came a whole series of "blitzkrieg" threats designed to make Britain's flesh creep. Britain's flesh did not creep. And nothing happened.

So now comes the new campaign. Reports are published from Moscow, Istanbul, Rome, Belgrade, and Budapest, all purporting to show that military preparations of the Allies and Russia are already so far ahead that the storm may break any day.

"H.Q. IN SYRIA"

THE Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung has even sent a special correspondent to describe the "Situation South of the Caucasus." He tries to show that Russia will not be caught unawares and that the building of strategic roads leading to the Turkish-Armenian frontiers is proceeding satisfactorily.

The Volkischer Beobachter, in a cable from Istanbul, gives details of the alleged British-French-Turkish Army being massed against Russia.

The correspondent "reveals" that the army will consist of 500,000 Turks, 400,000 French, and 80,000 British soldiers.

They will be under the command of General Weyand, with his headquarters in Beirut, in Syria.

THE wedding took place quietly at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday, between Mr. Frederick William Winyard and Miss Florence Audrey Lee.

THE REV. Mr. J. R. Higges, Vicar of St. Andrew's officiated.

The bride, who is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lee, formerly of Shanghai, was given away in marriage by her father. She was attired in French bridal crepe cut on Victorian lines, with high neckline and gathered bodice. The sleeves of the gown were long and tight fitting, and the train cut in one with the full skirt. Her short veil was caught to her head with orange blossoms. White gladioli composed her bouquet.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. F. Winyard, formerly of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and of Mrs. M. Winyard, of Hongkong. He was attended by Mr. George Roylance, as best man.

The reception, which was attended by the intimate friends of the happy couple, was held at the Peninsula Hotel. Later Mrs. Winyard changed into a rose coloured woollen dress trimmed with lace, with brown accessories, created by "Rivelle."

The bridegroom was spending the last hours of his leave walking with his wife and mother-in-law when he stepped into the quagmire and immediately sank.

He was in a terribly muddy state and had not time to clean himself before catching his train to rejoin his unit.

Prince Starhemberg Is Officer in French Army

The French Government has accepted Prince Ernst Rudiger von Starhemberg's long-standing offer to serve in the French Army.

He has been accepted for the duration and given the rank of lieutenant.

The Prince, a bitter opponent of Germany and Nazism, led the Austrian patriotic movement, Heimwehr, until the invasion of Austria, and offered to form an Austrian Legion to fight Germany.

Paper Hat Concession To Nudists

CARNIVAL paper hats will be worn as a concession to the nudist colony in the clubhouse of the National Sun and Air Association, Shoot-up Hill, Cricklewood.

Otherwise the 150 men, women and children expected as guests will be nude. Only an occasional bangle, necklace or wrist watch will be seen. Some of the guests will be from distant countries—Brazil, Malaya, South Africa, India. Others will be leaving Service uniforms in the cloak-room near the entrance: W.A.A.F., W.V.S., W.A.T.S., W.A.F.S., R.A.F., and Army and Navy.

We have always had very keen members among the Services," Mrs. Marian Lill, secretary of the association, told a reporter.

Dancing

Mrs. Lill's daughters, Nora (17) and Monica (14) will be hostesses to her. Her third daughter, Sheila (7) is evacuated.

There will be dancing, with music ranging from Strauss waltzes to swing, in one of the three large recreation rooms.

In the others there will be games, indoor fireworks, crackers, and all kinds of physical exercises.

Bombers That Shoot Down
German Fighters

GERMANY'S AIRMEN have discovered to their cost that since the outbreak of war practically the whole of Britain's bomber force has been re-equipped with more formidable armament.

The Wellington, for example, now generally recognized as the finest bomber in the world, is surprisingly better than it was before the war.

Recent photographs reveal that these Wellingtons now have twin guns in their turrets. Flying in close formations of three they can bring among them 12 machine-guns to bear on any attacking fighter.

So far they are the only British aeroplanes which have stood a pitched battle over the North Sea and then flown on with their bombs to the German harbour which was their objective.

But the harbour was devoid of shipping, so they returned to their base without unloading their bombs.

Photographs taken over German aerodromes by British planes flying at only 2,000 or 3,000 ft. may be released for publication soon.

One photograph actually shows in one corner the wing of a German aeroplane landing while British bombers are machine-gunning it.

Two German planes were machine-gunned, for as they flew home they were apparently unaware that the heavy bombers circling round their landing ground were British.

Aerodrome after aerodrome, as well as the whole Stegried Line, has now been photographed until it is almost impossible to build up a complete Airmap of secret Germany as far inland as Berlin.

At night-time, too, British bombers are continuing reconnaissance flights which constitute some of the most heroic efforts of the war. Incidentally, pilots say that the German blackout has recently got much blacker.

Lady Clark-Kerr
In Hongkong

Among arrivals by Dutch boat from Shanghai yesterday were Lady Clark-Kerr, wife of the British Ambassador to China, and Mr. C. M. McDonald, Correspondent in China of The Times. They are both on their way to Chungking. Lady Clark-Kerr to rejoin her husband and Mr. McDonald on the business of The Times.

Other passengers were: For Hongkong: Mr. J. J. Hermann, Mr. S. C. Chao, Mr. N. B. Chen.

Pistols fire lights —but no bullets

By O. D. GALLAGHER,
Daily Express War Reporter

IN PAIRS, British troops went over the top at selected spots all along the British line this morning when it was still dark and pushed out into No-Man's-land.

They had been sent out to get an enemy's eyeview of our line. You might say they were snipers, because each pair had a Very pistol and when they spotted the sudden stab of a torchlight or something equally offensive in a night front line they fired them and, marked on a map the spot where it had been seen.

I doubt if half a dozen Very lights were sent up to flood the lines with light. Which is remarkable, as the whole British line was in action in the darkness.

The Britons were playing "at make-believe. Every man was in position and carrying on as though Hitler had begun his Blitzkrieg. Billets were emptied by an early order which sent every one into position with all the gear necessary. And the "war" began.

Endurance Test

Of course, no shots were fired. They might have been misunderstood. Ready though our Army are to take their full share of a Blitzkrieg, it is not high policy to precipitate anything. As you know, this is a war of endurance.

The longer it lasts the more certain are our chances of winning. British troops carried on throughout the night—bringing up munitions in dumb play, sending up wiring parties, carrying casualties to the rear.

The stretcher bearers were un-luckier than the munitions carriers, for they really had to carry men on their stretchers. Tireless burdens, the "casualties" lay back with the insouciance of Mae West and smirked at the sweating stretcher bearers.

"How's things?" I asked one who held the rear end of a stretcher. "Could be worse." He walked on, panting, they turned his head and added, "... but not a great deal."

VICTORY
SEEN FOR
TROTSKY

PARIS—Publication of a French "Yellow Book" on origins of the war disclosed that the last French Ambassador to Berlin, Robert Coulondre, had told Reichsfuhrer Hitler he feared the only real victor of a new war would be "Trotsky Communism."

M. Coulondre's concern was expressed to Hitler in an interview last August 25, when the Fuhrer gave him a personal message for Premier Edouard Daladier expressing the hope that France would not go to war against Germany.

The Ambassador, in a report which he wrote immediately after the interview and which is published in the "Yellow Book," said he had given Herr Hitler "my word as a soldier that I have not the slightest doubt that if Poland should be attacked, France would be with its forces at the side of Poland."

Then M. Coulondre added: "Although I think really that we would be victorious, I also have the fear that at the end of a war there would be only one real victor—Monsieur Trotsky."

It was significant that M. Coulondre used the name of Leon Trotsky, leader of Communists working for world revolution, rather than that of Joseph Stalin, whose form of Communism is considered by the French national rather than international.

The "Yellow Book" consists of 350 diplomatic documents recording developments from the Munich conference of September, 1938, to the start of the war. In form it follows closely a similar publication by the British Government.

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Reply To Lord Haw-Haw

LORD HAW-HAW of Zeelen and Hamburg is the bent needle on Goebbels' scratchy gramophone record.

A little man, with an ersatz plum in his mouth, he tells the lies of the Nazi propaganda machine with the glibness of a small boy reciting "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

He is the Groucho Marx of the air. And every bit as funny. British listeners hear his broadcasts every night. They prefer his comedy to chamber music.

But Haw-Haw is a clever liar, and some of his lies are repeated to often that they start to sound convincing.

The week, taking it by and large, was a bad one for his lordship. He let out a mighty blast at Britain's comfortable little Air Force, but the R.A.F. had the final word. They invaded Western Germany so effectively that Haw-Haw had to scuttle to his air-raid shelter along with all the other Haw-Haws in all the other languages.

The R.A.F., indeed, inspired his worst howler of the week.

Fiction And Fact

Adjusting his ersatz plum so he could really get his teeth into it, he said, in the course of a broadcast lasting several minutes:

"The Prime Minister has mentioned the alleged superiority of British planes over those of German design. Such a statement must be very difficult to maintain in the face of recent events. The facts are: One British plane alone was sighted—and driven off. A major encounter took place when British bombers attempted to attack an island. They turned back almost at once."

Fled To Funk Halo

This is scarcely accurate. Here are the facts:

The R.A.F. have made about 100 reconnaissance flights over Germany.

The R.A.F. sent Haw-Haw himself screaming for his funk-hole on Tuesday night—just when his British fans were settling down for a good laugh.

The R.A.F. pulled out the largest aerial action of the war when they knocked the hell out of Heinkel and nearly a fortnight ago and bombed Nazi battleships in the process.

The R.A.F. security patrols now go on nightly over the night—and we won the first dog-fight 4-3.

Not Quite His Topic

But he made a beautiful ersatz bloomer on the same night—and again on the same subject.

"The German Air Force," he squeaked, "is not—particularly—interested in stressing the superiority of its warplane designs."

"It can afford to wait until the evidence supplied by actual encounter proves which is the better."

Can it? Apart from the fact that Goering's air force shows a marked disinclination to fight at all, its record when it has been cornered is not impressive. Just investigate.

On November 6 a flight of nine French Curtiss planes—not considered to compare with British Hurricanes or Spitfires—took on 27 German Messerschmitts—shot down nine and escaped without loss.

Then, of course, his lordship perpetrated a minor masterpiece about the Graf Spee, which he hailed as a great German naval victory.

He assured a breathless world recently that the Graf Spee, speed 26 knots, could not possibly have run away from the British cruisers, speed 30 knots.

It never struck this clown that the cruisers might be zig-zagging to avoid guns so powerful that they could have blown the British attackers out of the water.

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By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

WHAT are the reactions of the French soldier to the war with Germany? We know that Hitler has attempted to separate Britain and France. He hurls propaganda at the French soldiers in the front lines with this object in view. Has he succeeded?

Somerset Maugham, the famous English novelist, visited the Maginot Lines to find out.

In this, the second of a vivid series of articles from his pen, he tells of what he found there.



The Peace Conference At Versailles—1919

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GENERAL GAMELIN

They've Made A New Home

THEY had made themselves at home in their narrow space, and you felt that with youth

I SPENT a week with the French Armies in Alsace and Lorraine. The case-mate I visited was well in front of the Maginot Line.

The Commandant who showed me over it had the look of a well-fed Burgher in an old Dutch picture; he was a thick-set, rubicund, jovial man with a red moustache.

He took the same pride in his fortress as the commander of a man-of-war takes in his ship.

I asked him how long he could hold out against an attacking force.

"If necessary I could stand a siege of six months," he said, and with his eyes twinkling added: "But I should hope they'd come and rescue us before then."

When he showed me one of his big machine-guns and demonstrated how it could be brought into action, he remarked, his eyes twinkling again: "The one thing a runner dreams of at night is that he will sight an enemy tank passing within range when there's no superior officer by and he can have a shot at it on his own."

I saw the men's quarters. There is not much room and the beds are close together, one row above another; some were lying on their beds reading, others were clustered at the further end of the dormitory playing cards or chatting.

and good humour to help them they were finding life good enough. They knew how much better off they were than the men in the cold and mud of the advanced posts.

They had a neat little canteen where they could buy cigarettes, beer, chocolates and toilet necessities; they could even buy hair-wash and soap. There were tables in the canteen where they could sit in their leisure hours, drink a glass of beer, listen to the radio and almost think themselves back in the *caf  * of their native village.

Pour la Patrie

I TRIED to find out what the French soldier thinks about the war.

With respect to this, a general I lunched with told me an anecdote. He had been reviewing some troops and on the way back to his car passed a bugler. The bugler saluted smartly, but in the agitation of the moment forgot to bring his feet together; smiling, the general stopped, asked him his name, where he came from and what his occupation was in civil life.

When, with some embarrassment, he had answered these questions, the general said: "Well, my boy, and why are you fighting this war?" "Pour la Patrie; for my country," the general laughed. "Yes I know all about that. That's what they taught you to say at school. But why are you fighting this war?" A smile broke on the bugler's honest face and he said: "Eh, bien, a cause des Boches, j'en ai marre. (Well, because I'm fed to the teeth with the Germans.)"

I thought the anecdote significant for the insight it gave into the soldiers' frame of mind. There is no hatred there, no desire to hurt, no irreconcilable antagonism; but impatience, impatience with those Teutons who will not let their neighbours live in the peace they love so well, impatience and the feeling that things have gone too far.

It seemed to me that the French officers I came across were men of unusual intelligence. They were keen soldiers, and they gave me the impression of knowing their business with extreme thoroughness. Modern war is a science and these were scientists.

But what particularly struck me was their solicitude for their men, their humanity and their reasonableness.

I was told a little story, which, trivial as it may be, seemed to me rather touching.

Half a dozen men, sent out to do some job, had been splashing about all day in the mud and wet and when they got back to their quarters were soaked to the skin; their captain knew they had no change of socks and so distributed his own among them till they were dry.

Nazis Stare Would Make

I IMAGINE that such a story would make a German officer stare.

Night falls early and there are limits to the number of hours you can play *belote*.

Boredom is one of the enemies that the General Staff has to deal with.

Books are needed, books by the thousand, and radios, with programmes that will cheer and amuse, and without too many patriotic harangues; they do not want their patriotism aroused, these men, it is there deep in their bones; they want to know what is going on, of course, but they want to laugh and sigh at songs, comic and sentimental; and they want entertainments.

The Poilu Sticks To His Rifle

THE French soldier is above all an infantry man. He heard with sincere distress of the loss of the British ships *Courageous* and *Royal Oak*.

That hard upon two thousand officers and men should have lost their lives had a peculiar effect on him. Even though these were lamentable catastrophes they heartened him, for they brought it home to him that he was being really supported by the British Navy.

But the activities of Great Britain on the sea and in the air do not really mean very much to him, any more than do those of his own navy and air force. The arm in which he puts his confidence is the infantry.

I will finish this sketch by a story I was told by a doctor. Three English planes, flying over the German lines, were attacked and two were brought down in flames; the pilot of the third, though badly wounded, managed to bring it down in France; but when the French troops got up to him they found that he was unconscious.

They took him to the hospital at Nancy. When he recovered consciousness his first question was about the two men in the planes that had gone up with him. The doctor told him they were dead.

The pilot was just a boy. He raised himself up in bed and brought his hand up to his bandaged head in his hand.

"Never mind," he said, "it's for England."

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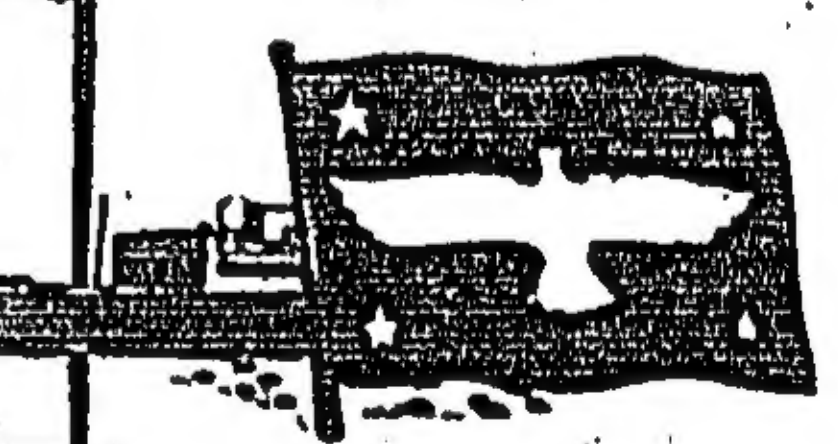
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ACROSS

- 1—Stupid one (anagram)
- 2—Opium
- 3—First sign of sodas
- 4—One who mortifies
- 5—Device for taking seeds out of fruit
- 6—Possessed
- 7—Short story
- 8—Eighteenth letter of Hebrew alphabet
- 9—Mental make
- 10—Light brown
- 11—Whip
- 12—Bird bones
- 13—Person spoken to
- 14—Permutation
- 15—United States of America (abbr.)
- 16—Step lightly
- 17—Kidney
- 18—Turned out remnant
- 19—Zaire
- 20—Resistance
- 21—End of magnet
- 22—Chart
- 23—Large birds
- 24—Short poem
- 25—Musical composition
- 26—Happy

DOWN

- 1—Cloakings in forest
- 2—Uncle (do. Africans)
- 3—Fence
- 4—Wild by nature
- 5—Fertile soil
- 6—Genus of orchids
- 7—Kind of pastry (pl.)
- 8—Dentist
- 9—Shin
- 10—Closed car
- 11—Part of leg
- 12—Fast sport
- 13—Transmit money to
- 14—Devoured
- 15—French coin
- 16—Pierced divided rock
- 17—Parities
- 18—Heads over again
- 19—Polkonoan serpent
- 20—Assign by lot
- 21—Bottle of sun
- 22—Hold back water
- 23—Made peculiar noise
- 24—Word of title
- 25—Plant embryo
- 26—Turn
- 27—Black of neck
- 28—Unit with flat of hand
- 29—Valuable metal
- 30—Parasitic salutation

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS: 1. STUPID (anagram of DITTO), 2. OPIUM, 3. FIRST, 4. MORTIFY, 5. SEEDER, 6. POSSESS, 7. SHORT, 8. TETHE, 9. MAKE, 10. BROWN, 11. WHIP, 12. BONES, 13. ADDRESSEE, 14. PERMUTATION, 15. U.S.A., 16. STEP, 17. KIDNEY, 18. REMNANT, 19. ZAIR, 20. RESISTANCE, 21. END, 22. CHART, 23. BIRDS, 24. POEM, 25. COMPOSITION, 26. HAPPY.

DOWN

1. CLOAKING, 2. UNCLE, 3. FENCE, 4. WILD, 5. FERTILE, 6. GENUS, 7. PASTRY, 8. DENTIST, 9. SHIN, 10. CLOSED, 11. PART, 12. FAST, 13. TRANSMIT, 14. DEVOUR, 15. FRENCH, 16. PIERCE, 17. PARITY, 18. HEADS, 19. POLKON, 20. ASSIGN, 21. BOTTLE, 22. HOLD, 23. MADE, 24. WORD, 25. PLANT, 26. TURN, 27. BLACK, 28. UNIT, 29. VALUABLE, 30. PARASITIC.

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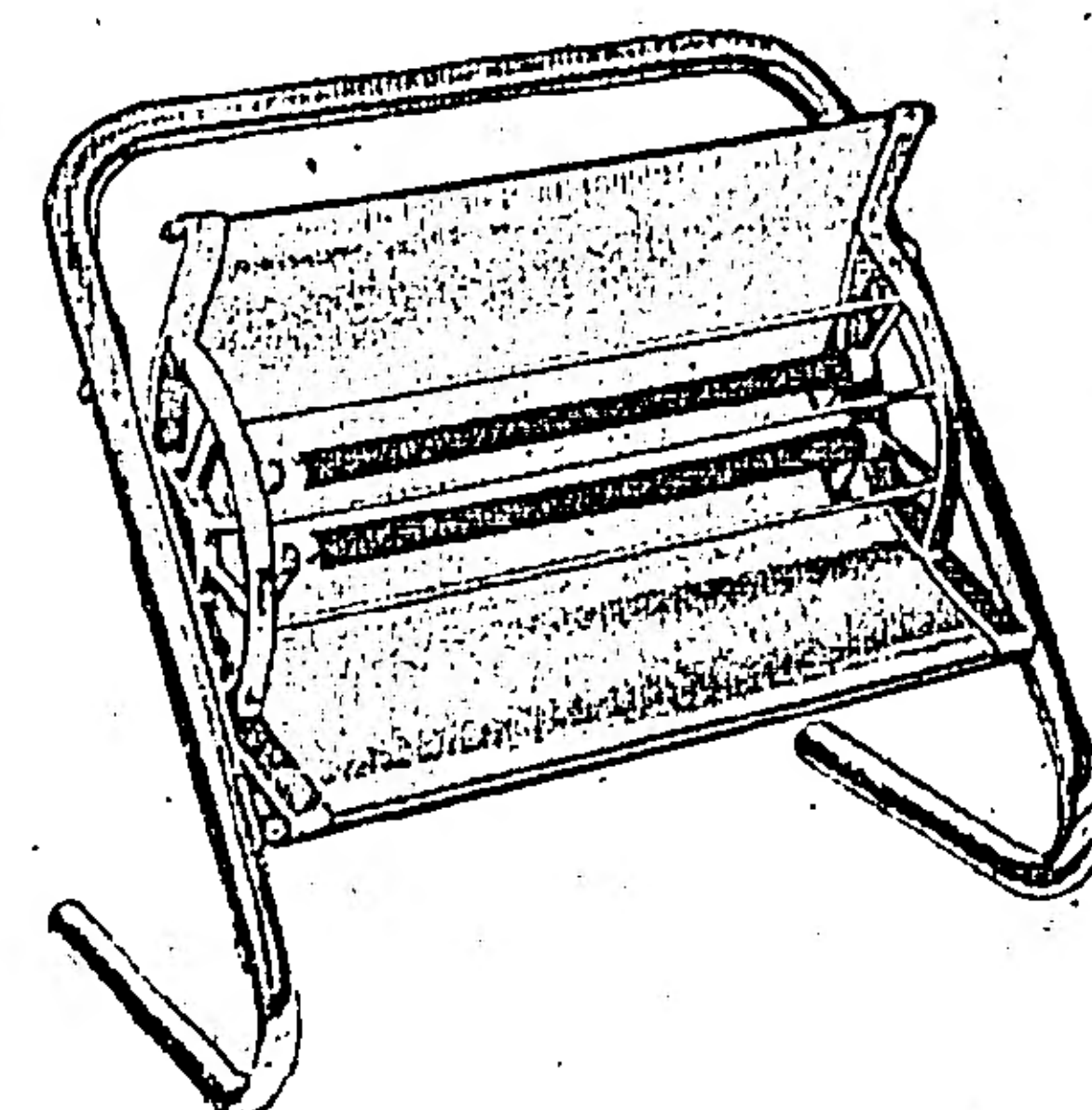
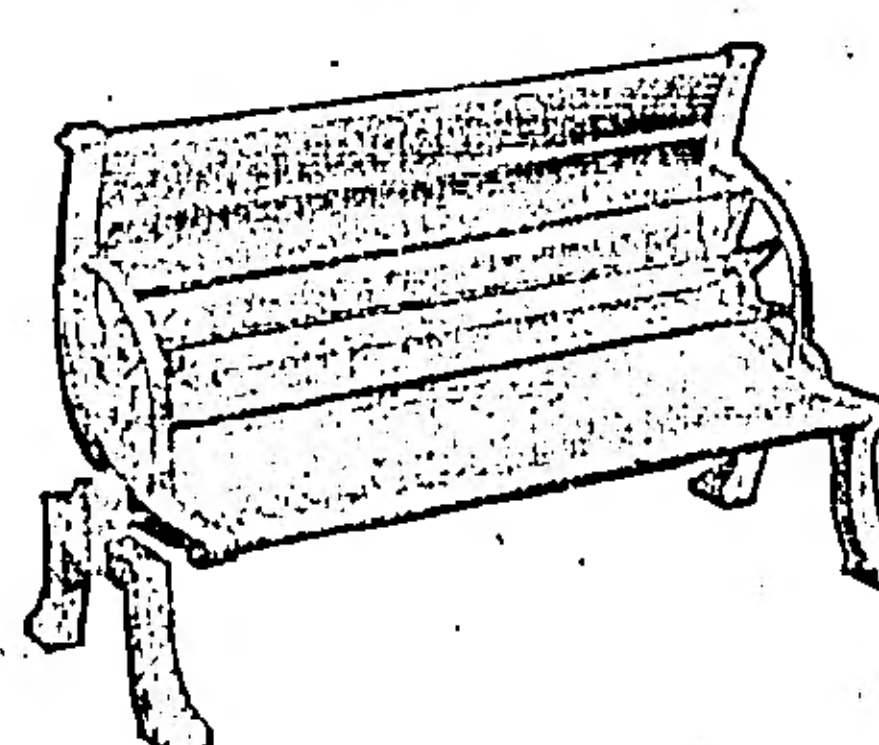
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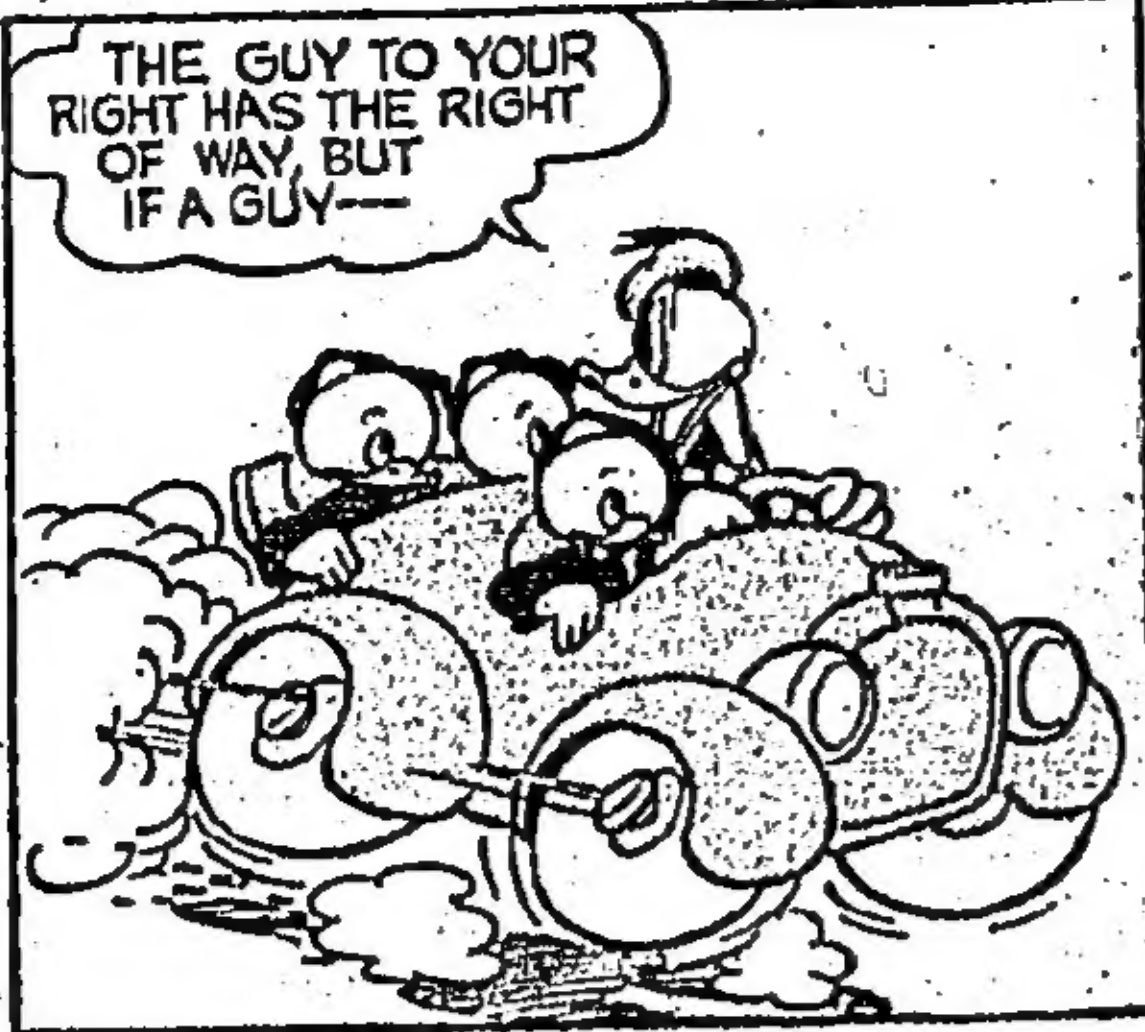
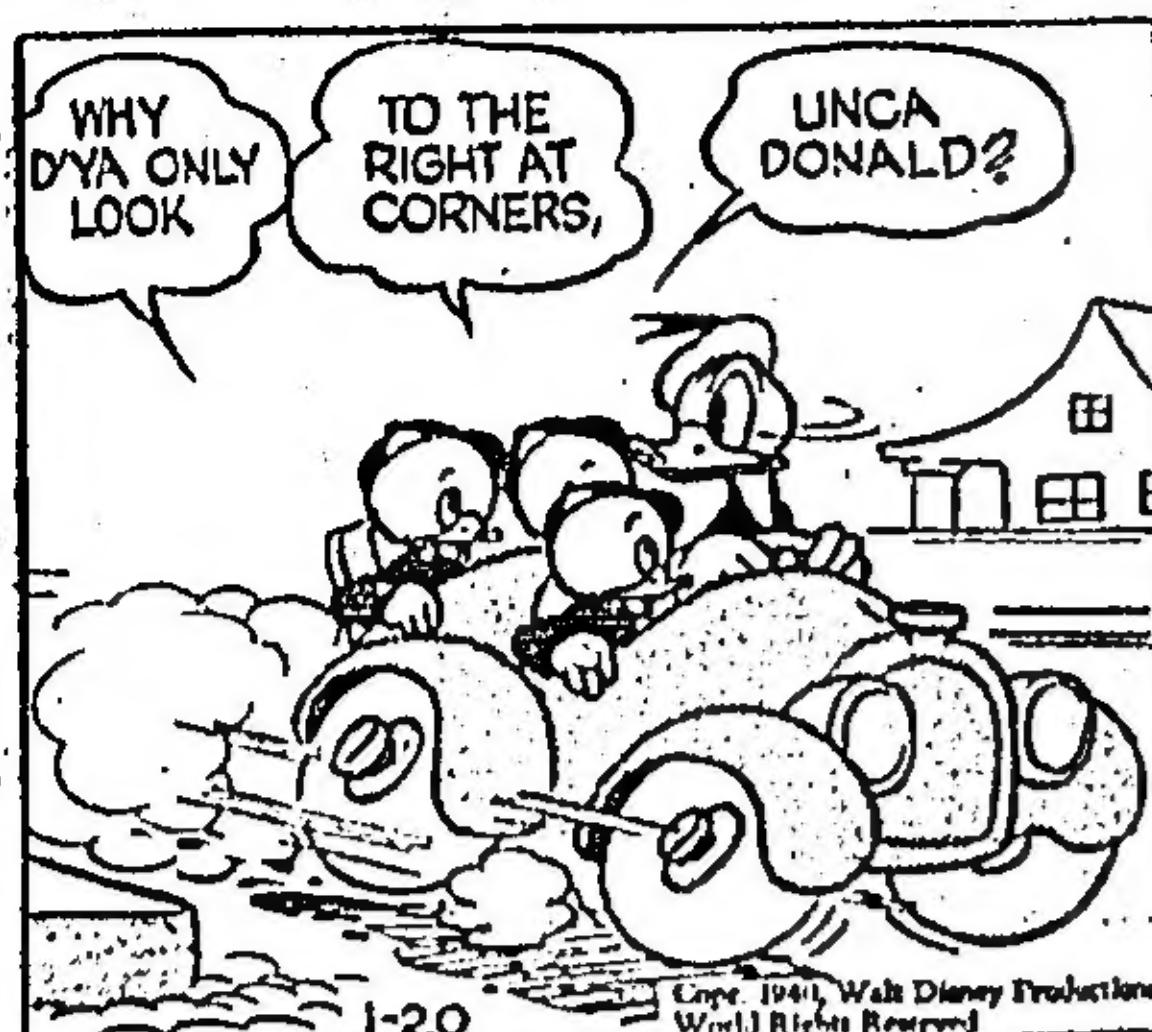
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DOG LED WOMAN TO DEAD MASTER

LONDON.—Walking home in the black-out from work accompanied by his dog, Henry Johnson, aged 56, a woodcutter, of Ropers Cottages, Farningham, near Dartford, was killed by a lorry in London Road, Farningham. The dog ran home. Scratching brought Mrs. Johnson to the door, and the dog led her to the scene of the accident—a quarter of a mile away.

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TRAINED PILOTS ARE SCARCE

THE Allied High Commands have received details of the much-vaunted Russian Red Air Force, which show it to be a bigger sham than the Red Army.

For her 4,000 mile wide continent Russia has a first-line strength of little more than 4,465 machines.

Compared with the latest products of the chief Western European Powers 65 per cent. of the Red machines are obsolete. There are no new-type machines under production.

The Russian second-line machine strength is about 2,000 planes. Lack of advanced training machines is restricting the output of trained pilots to 2,000 a year, a useless figure for large scale war in Europe.

Split in Two

The Russian Air Command is divided into two sections, one to the west of Lake Balkal, the other to the east. Lake Balkal is practically in the centre of Russia.

The Western Air Command has a total of 3,240 of the most modern machines allotted to it. The Eastern Command, which covers the Mongolian and Manchurian frontier, has 1,225 first-line machines.

There are two types of Russian warplanes which experts say "compare not unfavourably" with the modern medium-type bombers of other nations. They are called the SB and TsKh.26.

The SB is similar to a British Blenheim and has a maximum speed of about 250 m.p.h. A Blenheim will do 295 m.p.h.

The TsKh.26 has a maximum speed of 245 m.p.h. and a range of 1,600 miles with 3,300lbs. of bombs.

High Morale

The best Russian fighters are the I.10 (SSF), of which the Western

Command has 713 and the Eastern Command 320. These machines are similar to British Gloster Gladiators, which have long been superseded by newer types.

The morale of the pilots is high, they are good fighters. But discipline, as a result of the 1937-8 purges, is low. Every commanding officer of every squadron is watched by a political representative.

Russia has relied on France and America to grant her licences to manufacture their latest warplane designs. Those sources of progress are closed to her now.

OBITUARY

Old Portuguese Resident Buried at Happy Valley

The late Miss Sophia Maria Franco, who died at her home, 35 Robinson Road, early on Saturday morning, was interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, in the afternoon. The Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada officiated.

Miss Franco was 70 years of age. She was born in Hongkong and had resided here all her life. She is survived by four sisters and a brother.

Chief mourners at the funeral were Mrs. C. Hingston, Mrs. A. Julian and Mrs. F. Julian, (sisters), and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Silva.

Others present included Mrs. A. A. Elms, Miss M. Julian, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. V. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. Santos, Mrs. Peres, Miss A. Demo, Mr. C. H. V. Remedios, Master K. Julian, Master P. Remedios, Miss G. Remedios and Miss T. Santos. Floral tributes from the family and friends were laid on the grave.

Mr. Hans J. Ibsen

The death occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday of Mr. Hans

CHINESE TANK TRAPS



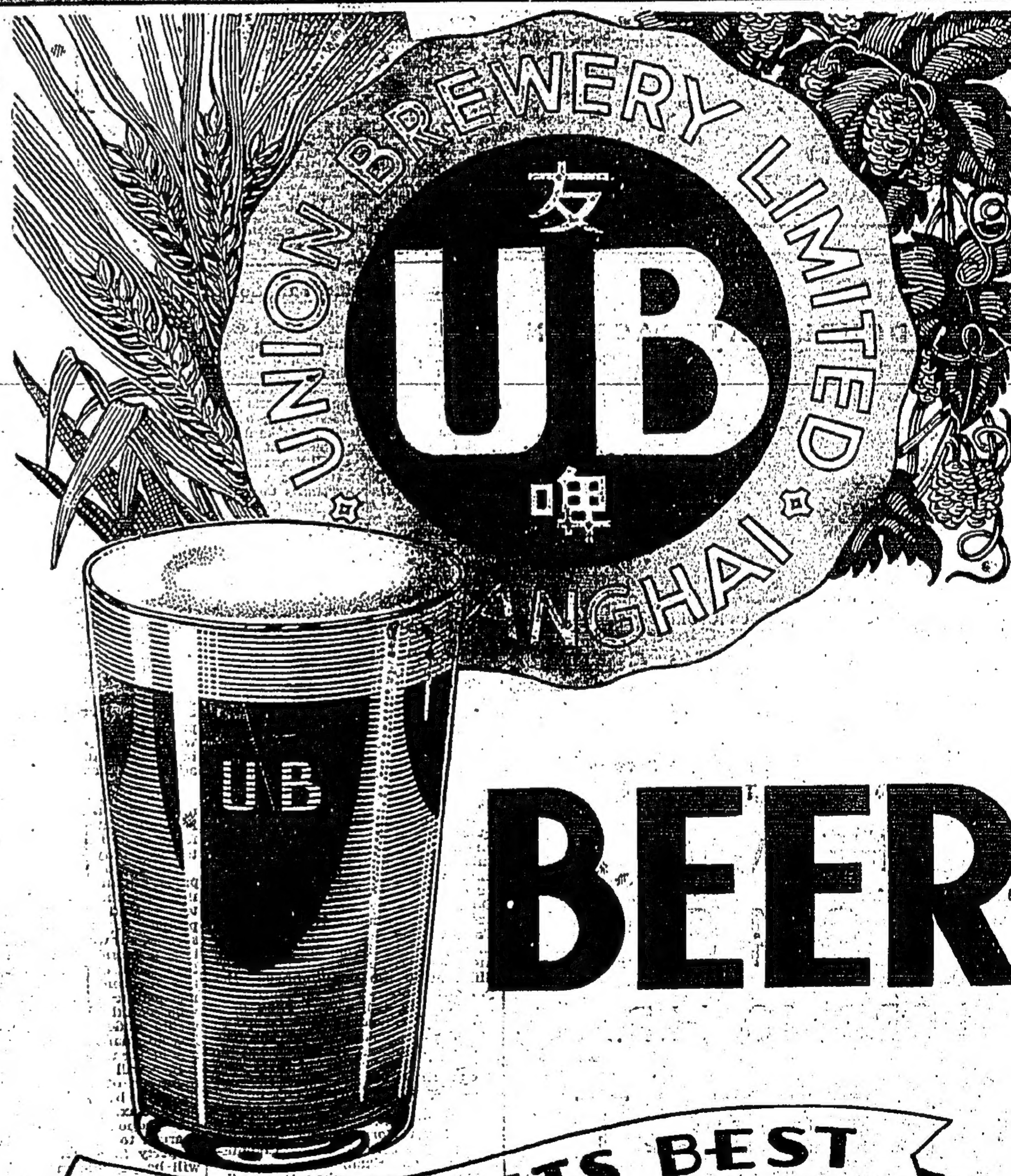
CHINESE tank barriers, composed of steel rail tracks pulled up from abandoned railways, used to stop the advance of Japanese mechanised units in the snow-covered country near Hangchow.—Domei.

Jergen Ibsen, a Dane, at the age of 54 years. He had resided in the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute for some months prior to entering hospital on Friday.

Mr. Ibsen had been on the China

Coast for many years, and last served as Second Officer of the Fatshan, river steamer.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock, entering the Colonial Cemetery by the Stubbs Road entrance.



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1.45 Grace Fields in a Variety Programme.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children."

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

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6.42 Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

7.0 Musical Comedy Selections.

7.30 London Relay—News Summary.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Reginald Foort, Rale da Costa and Arthur Askey in Variety.

8.47 Keteibey—in a Fairy Realm Suite.

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9.0 Some Welsh Songs.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.50 B.B.C. Recording—London Traffic.

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10.30 Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

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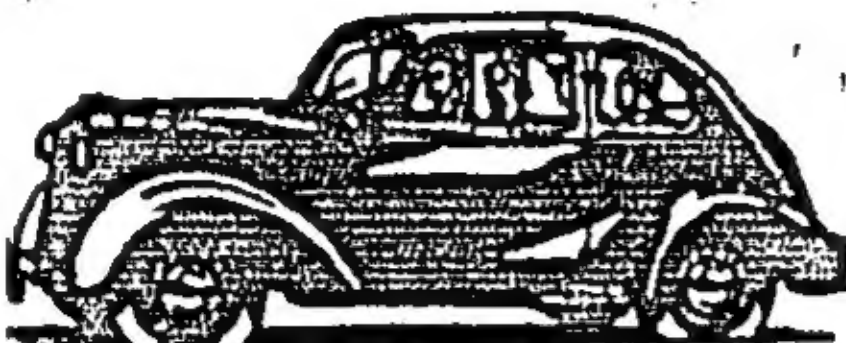
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DEATH

ANTONIO.—Mrs. Dometilla (Chai-Chai) Barbara Sequeira Antonio passed away at her residence this morning at 5.30 a.m. at the age of 74. Funeral will pass the Monument to-day at 5.30 p.m. No flowers by request (Shanghai, Macau, Bangkok, Singapore papers please copy).

BIRTH

MILNE.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on 26th February, 1940, to Edith, wife of George Milne, a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

Monday, February 26, 1940.
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Bureaucracy and Taxation

It is only necessary to visit Government Departments in Hongkong, with their neatly printed name-plates announcing that within sits the chief, the principal assistant, the second assistant, the third assistant, the fourth assistant, the deputy assistant, the second deputy assistant, the chief clerk, the assistant chief clerk, the chief deputy clerk, the assistant deputy clerk and a whole plethora of other assistants to realize what will happen in this Colony if the taxation proposals of the War Revenue Committee are adopted.

A new department will be set up. It will require a Board of Inland Revenue consisting of five members, each, presumably, drawing the usual allowances.

It will require a Commissioner who won't be in receipt of much less than \$24,000 per annum. There will be a Deputy Commissioner, whose salary will absorb the taxes derived from a hundred tax-payers. There will be several Assistant Commissioners, each with his own little office and stenographer. There will be a multitude of Examiners, clerks, typists, accountants, assessors. In short, there will be another Department.

The hope may be expressed in some quarters that bureaucracy may make an exception and run the proposed Inland Revenue Department economically. Has any Department ever been run economically in Hongkong? Do the following paragraphs from the proposed "Ordinance to Impose War Taxes and to Regulate the Collection thereof" make it appear likely that the new Department will be any different to the multitudinous Departments already in existence?

"3. (1) (a)—There shall be a Board of Inland Revenue composed of the Financial Secretary and four other members appointed by the Governor, of whom not more than one shall be an official in the employ of the Government."

"3. (2)—For the purpose of this Ordinance, the Government may appoint a Commissioner, a Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners and Examiners."

These two paragraphs epitomise the objections to the creation of any addition to the bureaucracy already in existence in Hongkong. We already have too many Heads of Departments, deputy Heads of Departments, assistant heads of Departments, second, third and fourth assistants.

The creation of a new Department will require new offices, new and expensive equipment, new staffs and, in spite of the hopes expressed by the War Revenue Committee, new Pension commitments, new people to go on leave every four years.

The war in Europe may end even before the newly-created Department is functioning. But Bureaucracy, once having given birth to

The "Telegraph" picked this out

Say not the struggle naught
avails,
The labour and the wounds are vain,
The enemy faints not, nor falleth,
And as things have been they remain.

If hopes were dust, fears may be liars;
It may be, in you smoke conceal'd,
Your comrades chase e'en now the flier,
And, but for you, possess the field.

For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,
Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back, through creeks and inlets making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.

And not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light;
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly,
But westward, look, the land is bright!

ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH
1810-1861

this infant with so brilliant a future, will be loth to abandon it. The predecessor to the present Financial Secretary has already warned that increasingly heavy taxation for ordinary purposes quite apart from the war must be envisaged. Pensions will, far from being slashed, involve the Colony in annually increasing commitments; liberal Home leave arrangements must not be interfered with; old and faithful servants—old, that, in the eyes of the Civil Service—must be permitted to retire to spend their well-earned Pensions in any part of the world except that in which they earn them, and they must be replaced by new Colonial Office appointees. Expenditure on public health, education, and social services generally is, and always has been, below the level compatible with the principles of Empire guardianship which we espouse and cannot well be decreased below present inadequate levels.

Is it, then, likely that the Government will accept the Committee's recommendations that the proposed taxes should be for the duration of the war only?

There are other, and for the taxpayer, equally important reasons why the recommendations of the Committee should be opposed by the people of this Colony. On the surface, it would appear that the tax proposals are more equitable than those originally propounded by the Government. But the great and inarticulate Middle Class taxpayer, who would have been the principal victim under the original proposals, has no guarantee that his position is any better under these new proposals.

It will be he who will be the mainstay of the Salaries Tax. He, too, will be the victim of the Property Tax. Property Tax, suggests the proposed Ordinance, will be levied on the owner of the land or property involved, but the tax itself will be payable in the first instance by the person, whether owner, agent or tenant, who normally pays the assessed rates. The person who usually pays these rates is the tenant, whose total rental is computed at so much for actual rent, plus assessment rates. A tenant would have a difficult time proving in a Court of Law that the landlord is not justified in passing on any increased assessments, especially as the proposed Ordinance and the Eviction of Persons Ordinance permit the landlord to add these charges to his rentals.

The man who pays the Salary Tax and the Property Tax will also, indirectly, pay the Corporation Profits Tax. As elsewhere throughout the world, Corporations are business

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Twice nightly, to Germans skulking under bedclothes or headphone-listening in cellars, they tell the truth.

And, because the truth is a change from Dr. Goebbels's Soothing Syrup and Lord Haw-Haw's Elixir, they're gaining a bigger and bigger audience each night.

How do they know? Many times I've asked the B.B.C. that question, and all they do is to close one eye and put on finger to the nose. They know that German listeners to B.B.C. programmes risk imprisonment or, "in extreme cases," death.

THE B.B.C. system is to take a Haw-Haw or a Goebbels story, decontaminate it, and to hurl it back into Germany as a straight statement of fact.

They give the names of German prisoners captured, and add, cheerfully, "We'll give you some more to-morrow."

They play recordings of Hitler's speeches, making him confess himself a liar out of his own mouth. (The bit where he says: "I have no more tor-

concerns administered for the benefit of their shareholders. They are not administered for the benefit of the man-in-the-street and they are not going to be administered for the benefit of the War Revenue Department. If Government mulets a Corporation earning \$500,000 net profit of \$50,000, that \$50,000 is going to be passed on, as similar taxes have been passed on in the past. We already have a war-time precedent: the increased Government taxation on petrols and liquors. The Corporations dealing in these commodities have already passed the taxation on to the consumer in the shape of increased prices for petrol, higher charges for tax, higher prices for liquors.

There is not a paragraph in the voluminous War Revenue Bill to safeguard the man-in-the-street from becoming the only victim of the Committee's proposals. The wage-earner is to be the Dummy. And Dummy's pocket must be raped because he, too, knows that this Colony must make a substantial monetary contribution to the Empire's war effort. He is impotent to suggest that Empire, and especially this small part of Empire in which he lives, would best be served by the functioning of Government on (to use the War Revenue Committee's words) the most economical basis commensurate with efficiency.

The Empire fights for Democracy, and we are told that we must make heavy sacrifices to safeguard Democracy. But that very Democracy is denied us in Hongkong.

Though they occupy humble positions in the B.B.C. hierarchy, though they earn only about £10 a week, they know the importance of the job in hand, and do it well.

This is the B.B.C. calling Germany—
"The frayed nerves of the German propaganda authorities are evidenced by the contradictions in their claim to have sunk the Ark Royal."

"The German Press does not dare let the German people know what Mr. Chamberlain

said in his speech. The German Press has not published a single long quotation."

"The German High Command are desperate at the thought of being forced to carry out a mass attack in the west. They know that a direct attack on the Maginot Line would involve a tremendous loss of life."

yet that is the situation that may be forced upon them."

"The emphatic rejection of the Nazis and their ideology by the whole Arab world has so impressed the Germans that they have now abandoned their propaganda efforts to picture the Arabs as struggling slaves."

B.B.C. calling Ger-

many. . . .

"Women are demonstrating in the streets of Vienna. . . ."

"One hundred thousand Germans, evacuated from Baltic countries, must liquidate their businesses and leave their possessions behind. . . ."

"The sales of 'Mein Kampf' are being soft-pedalled in Prague. . . ."

"There is a panic among the German population of Hungary, who used to hold Nazi sympathies, but are now throwing out the Nazi agents. . . ."

"The Admiral Scheer, probably flying a false flag, is being hunted by the British Navy. . . ."

"Listen, Herr von Ribbentrop—you, Dr. Goebbels. . . ."

If there's any criticism of the B.B.C. propaganda service, it is that it counter-attacks rather than attacks. It avoids sensationalism—and sensationalism is a quality that speech-sodden German listeners have been taught to appreciate.

And at the moment it lacks one-man control.

There's a job at Broadcasting House for a master-mind—a propagandist and a showman.

(By "Rex")

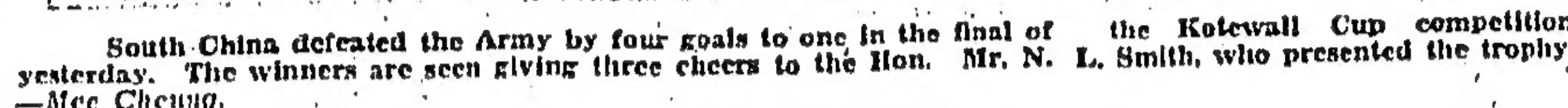
With the exception of Lai Shiu-wing and Ip Pak-wah, South China's forwards were very tame indeed. Young Shiu-yick, on the right wing, came in for some nice centres, and Smith. Army returned to the attack through Hossack who easily tricked Mak and centred. Fox, after missing a sitter, received the ball from Saw, who was lying well back, or

Scotland Defeat England: Ireland Lose To Wales

(By "Fly-half")

JUNIOR GOLF TITLE

In the final of the Hong Kong Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fanling yesterday, J. Mayhew beat H. N. Williamson over 36 holes by 10 and 9.



Below are the names of the players who have entered:

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Indian R. C. Juniors Show Improvement

The hitherto undefeated Police team failed badly in their batting and were all out for 88, of which their skipper, C. Pope, made 45 and P. Loughlin 24. Thus, only 19 runs were made by the rest of the side. Apart from these two, the Police batsmen could do little against any thing but short-length balls.

Pope played a vigorous innings but was fortunate to score as many as he did. His first scoring stroke was a snick through the slips for four, and before he had reached 20 he had another escape through the same gap. Loughlin's knock was more orthodox; he displayed a sound defence and was finally bowled by a beauty from the wicket-keeper.

The British team comprised entirely of English, Scottish, Irish or Welsh Internationals. They played brilliantly, were much heavier at forwards and got the ball constantly, which the three-quarters made good use of, whereas the French, perhaps awed by the reputation of their opponents, were hesitant and always on the defensive after the first 15 minutes.

Chinese "Y" Beat Recreation

A. M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira
(Recreio) lost to Koh and Wong
12-21; beat Lau and Chung 21-18;
beat Au and Koh 21-18.

	Games			
	P.	W.	L.	F. A. Pts.
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	8	6	0	44 10 1
University "A"	5	4	1	10 7 1
Recrelo	5	2	3	17 28 "
University "B"	5	1	4	12 23 "
Chung Wah	5	0	5	0 30 "

Results of the softball matches played yesterday were:

Wildcats	7 Pirates
Wahoos	10 Cardinals
Ball Club	10 Cubs
Canuckettes	15 Recrelo

Canadian	11	Filipinos	1
Chinese	17	Liga	
Chung Hwa			

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Olympic Champion Killed

Helsinki, Feb. 14 (UP).—Gunnar Hoecckert, holder of the world's 3,000-meter run record, was killed in battle on the Karelian front on Sunday.

Hoecckert gained international fame when he won the 3,000-meter run at the 1936 Olympics at Berlin.

IRELAND OUTPLAYED

Wales outplayed Ireland but found the Irish defence a stumbling block when it came to the final thing. The two Army wing-threes, Richards and Artingstall, playing as a right-wing combination, by strong running kept the Irishmen busy defending. The former was seen at his best and his punt ahead to regather the ball or the bounce when flat out was the best movement of the afternoon if not the best seen locally for some time.

Although outshone by Richards and Arlingstall, Morgan and Bowden were also much in the picture. Hopkin was a resourceful full-back and generally found a safe touch.

Lavalle and B. Hynes were hard working Irish three-quarters. The latter revealed that he can be reliable three in addition to his good forward play.

O'Riordan and Gallagher, two youthful halves, were more resourceful than their opposite number Coombes and Gracie, although the latter were inclined to risk a lot.

HAND WORKING FORWARDS

Walkden, Taylor and Ferris were hard working Welsh forwards, who had not everything their own way against a rugged Irish eight, in which Dempsey and King played well.

Morgan gained first blood for Wales after Artungstall had made the opening. Coombes converted. King reduced the lead when he kicked a penalty goal for Ireland. This was followed by Richards' glorious try.

followed by Richards' glorious tr Coombes converted from in front the posts. Then Bowden went ov well out and again Coombes broug out full points with a long kick.

After the interval, Richards, following up a kick ahead, dashed over for an unconverted try. Morgan then went over, following good work.

the Welsh forwards. Coombes again failed with the kick. A breakthrough by Artingstall saw him transfer Richards who went on to score. Hopkins missed the kick.

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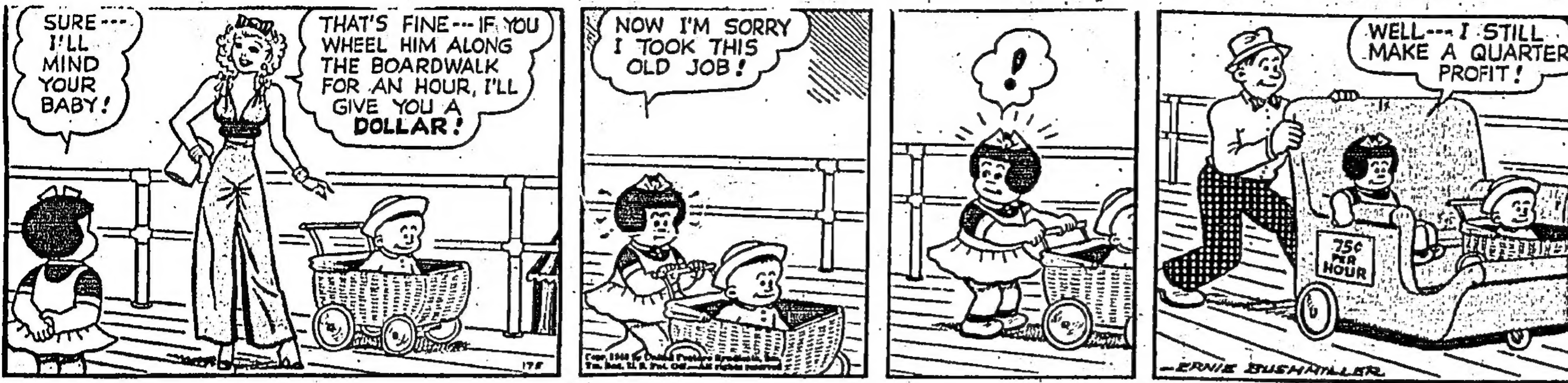
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

World's Press Speaks

The Nazis' Weaknesses Exposed Another Failure By Ribbentrop

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Swiss paper, "Tribune," says: "The arrival of the Anzacs is a striking reply to the activities of German agents who have vainly sought to raise the peoples of the Near and Middle East against 'perfidious Albion,' and another example of the miscalculation of Ribbentrop and his associates concerning the disintegration of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

The Budapest paper, "Nemzet Ujsag," in an article entitled "British Imperial Constructive Work in Arabia," shows the systematic work of the last 20 years in building a network of bases on the fringes of Arabia, facilitating the work of the Weyand army.

Already Communist

The American paper, "Memphis Commercial Appeal," says: "Don't worry about Germany swinging from Nazism to Communism. It has already occurred."

The "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" says: "A report is current in economic circles that the only Russian oil Germany has obtained since the war began is in reality not from the wells of pre-war Russia but from Russian-occupied Poland, the annual production of which has been only 450,000 tons."

A "New York Times" article, by Anne O'Hara McCormick, quotes a Hungarian statesman who made the remark that a pilgrim in southeastern Europe has heard it repeated in every capital he visited that "east of Germany the feeling is stronger than in the west that Germany has already lost the war."

NO STATE OF EMERGENCY

Turkish Mobilisation Reports Denied

ISTANBUL, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Reports that Turkey has declared a state of emergency are absolutely without foundation.

The country is perfectly calm and there is no evidence that any abnormal situation exists.

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Plane Crashes At Croydon

Mystery Aircraft Sots Fire To Buildings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—A sensational plane crash to-day resulted in the death of the pilot, set fire to three houses and transformed a suburban street into a sea of blazing petrol.

It has not been divulged whether the plane was a civil or military unit. It crashed within a few moments of hopping off from Croydon airport last night.

It struck the roof of one house, which immediately became ablaze, a family of four living in the house have been sent to hospital with serious injuries.

The plane was reduced to a mass of twisted metal. It is not known whether there were any passengers or crew other than the pilot aboard.

RUSSIAN BREAK THROUGH WILL NOT WEAKEN FINNS

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punctured only on comparatively narrow sectors.

From my personal observation, I can testify that for two months the Finns have been preparing for this eventuality. To paraphrase Marshal Foch, the Finns have been getting ready to fight in front of the Mannerheim Line, on the Mannerheim Line and behind the Mannerheim Line.

At one point alone in the course of a few miles, I counted eight auxiliary lines of tank barriers behind the Mannerheim line. Even far behind Viipuri (Viborg) many additional lines were prepared during the last few weeks. Even if the Mannerheim Line on the isthmus is eventually completely breached, the Finns still have plenty of positions in which to continue the struggle.

Longer Frontage

Aside from the possible effects on army morale, the most serious feature of a Russian smash through the Mannerheim Line would be that the Finns' frontage would immediately be greatly increased. The point where the Russians are at present hammering is the most favourable anywhere on the whole front for utilisation of the Soviet's huge mechanical superiority because of the open non-forested spaces there. It is also the most favourable point for Russian transports because it is closest to Leningrad and has two railway lines and a number of roads.

300,000 Shells A Day

Russian artillery during the first week of the world war battle at Somme where the British used sometimes 300,000 shells a day. The Finns assert the Russians fired as many shells one day at Summa.

The question is how long the Soviets will be able to prolong the second battle of Mannerheim Line. Normally, after 1,000 rounds six-inch guns must be reloaded. Such expenditure of shells would connote the necessity of removing hundreds of Russian guns for reloading.

My judgment is that the Russians in the present battle cannot devise sufficiently to render the whole system of isthmus defences untenable. That would require other greater offensives.

Foreign Aid

In the meantime, substantial foreign aid in airplanes, heavy guns and ammunition will commence. In a short time the Russians will find their hitherto almost unindented transport and concentrations in the back areas under Finnish air attack. Also heavy guns from abroad will enable the Finns to reach many miles more behind Russian lines and cut up attacks while forming.

The Russians seemed embarked upon a war of attrition on Finnish man power by utilizing their vast reservoir of men. If the Finns eventually are overwhelmed, this will undoubtedly be the reason.

Altmark Protest Presented

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office announces that the Norwegian Minister to London called on Lord Halifax on Saturday and presented him with a note from the Norwegian Government on the Altmark case.

The Norwegian Minister also replied to certain enquiries which were made at an interview held last week.

Hitler May Be Using Gas Mine

THE possibility that Hitler is using a new gas mine is raised by a story told by Alfred Faste, second mate of the Norwegian steamer Biarritz, mined and sunk off the Dutch coast recently.

Made To Dig Graves

Faste who has now arrived home in Oslo from Amsterdam, says (reports Exchange) that after the explosion a strong and muzzling smell of gas was noticed all over the ship. It was sweet and sickly. It clung to their clothing and when the crew were taken aboard the steamer Borgholm the men in that vessel began to vomit, although it was then a considerable time after the explosion.

Faste said he thought it quite probable that the Biarritz had been the victim of a new gas mine. The effect on the crew was that they became enervated and were incapable of doing very much.

Inefficient Method

The Admiralty are unable to comment on the report.

While technical experts agree that gas in highly compressed form might be used in a mine at sea the efficiency of such a barbarous method of attack is open to criticism.

If a gas mine exploded on the leeward side of a vessel in the windy weather usually associated with the North Sea the gas would be carried harmlessly away.

Its effect on the crew would be entirely dependent upon the vagaries of the weather and the damage inflicted would be problematical.

Trade Pact To Be Signed

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—It is learned here that the trade agreement between Great Britain and Norway was initiated on February 22 and will be signed in London this week.

Details of the agreement are not yet made public, but it is understood that one primary aim is to facilitate Norway's shipping communications with other countries.

It is probable that both Denmark and Sweden will shortly conclude a similar agreement.

3-POWER TALKS

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Ministers have agreed to maintain the inviolability of neutral territory. They have also agreed to raise serious objections and endeavour to avert violation of the principles of international law in the conduct of naval warfare which inflicts considerable losses of human life and economic values on neutrals when they maintain their shipping in order to keep up their legitimate and necessary trade.

To Support Each Other

They have also agreed to support each other on these questions.

The Ministers were united in the conviction that unless war ends before violent and long-drawn fighting has brought greater dangers than at present, it will create such profound bitterness that the opening of a road to an enduring solution will be rendered still more difficult.

They will, therefore, gladly welcome any endeavour to initiate negotiations between the belligerents with a view to a just and permanent peace.

NAZIS PREPARED TO USE FORCE

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blockade by smashing Scandinavian trade and preventing Scandinavian shipping from calling at any British or French ports.

In order to achieve this aim, Germany will declare the entire North Sea a blockade area, in which all neutral ships will be sunk without warning.

In return for a benevolent neutrality, Germany, states the "Sunday Dispatch," has offered to purchase the entire exports of the Scandinavian countries in order to compensate them for losses consequent upon Nazi sea warfare.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1890. The Federation Conference, held at Melbourne, has unanimously adopted a motion for the union of all the Australian Colonies under one Government.

Such an imposing display of men-of-war as that to be seen in the harbour and adjacent waters yesterday has rarely occurred. There were no less than eleven British ships, containing 2,684 men besides the eight splendid vessels of the Fok-yang squadron—four of which left during the day—in Kowloon Bay.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1916. The bombardment of Heligoland was repeated yesterday being very violent. It lasted eleven hours and 1,500 shells were thrown over the town. The interior vaulted roof of the Cathedral was wrecked, 26 houses were set ablaze and 20 civilians killed.

The Official Press Bureau announces that, owing to jealousy arising out of recent promotions, a portion of the 6th Light Infantry (late 5th Buffs) at Singapore, refused to obey orders, and caused a serious riot, which had to be quelled by the local Forces, assisted by men from the British and Allied ships. There were casualties: 14 British soldiers and 14 civilians killed, and 9 British soldiers wounded. Some of the rioters were killed. A large number surrendered and others were captured. A Tokyo telegram states that Japanese and French warships assisted to quell the riot and that some Japanese were wounded.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1930. Serious disturbances have occurred at several performances at the Grand Theatre during the week-end, arising from Chinese objections to certain features of the audacious plays. At one time, there was a danger of very serious rioting, and Mr. Giles, the manager, and others were very roughly handled by an angry crowd.

Twice the police had to be called in before the trouble was quelled.

The show started on Friday and there was no comment or protest raised, but a sensation was caused during a matinee on Saturday when a well-known Chinese playboy, who was one of the audience, arose in the middle of the film and harangued the crowd.

It is understood he did his best to incense the crowd, and that "talks" of his arrest could not be obtained. The burden of his complaint was that the Harold Lloyd film was an insult to the Chinese nation, inasmuch as it depicted a Chinese life in the China towns of Californian cities, including the Chinese partially for opium and indulgence in tong wars.

Following recent action taken against salesmen employed by the Sincere Company for "trading" in sweep-tickets, the police during a week-end searched the premises of two Chinese clubs, these being the Chung Shing Club and the Sullamase Club at Po ling Fong and so forth.

The action has given rise to the supposition that a definite policy is being pursued by the police authorities in the matter of these sweep-tickets. The "Colon" is being flooded with these tickets, stated a police official today in referring to the large number of new sweeps, representing marked increase over previous years, that have this year come into existence.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1935. Sabotage is said to be responsible for the loss of the giant liner "Mauritania," which ploughed down wards during manoeuvres off the California coast, taking two men to their deaths.

Italian transports, loaded with fighting men, army labourers and provisions of war, are on their way across the Mediterranean, bound for the African coast. They will take up positions on the frontiers of Eritrea or Italian Somaliland to be prepared for any emergency which may arise from the strained relations between Italy and Abyssinia.

The most famous and popular of all English cricketers, Jack Hobbs, is retiring from first class cricket.

Following the rise in London silver prices the Hongkong dollar appreciated further, falling on opening this morning, the rate being 1s. 10.3/8d. Inter-bank business early on was about 1s. 10.13/16d.

Defiance of Germany expressed by one state, and a vigorous protest against the treatment of foreign nationals on German soil coming from another power, are the two latest elements to disturb the political peace in Central Europe.

In London, Baron von Bergrer Waldegg, Austria's Foreign Minister, expressed defiance of the Nazi regime and resentment at the pretension that Germany was the "master" mind behind Austria's destiny.

In Berlin, a sharp note has been received from the Soviet, protesting against the treatment of a Soviet subject.

The Quins are going home to mother

NEW YORK. CANADA'S famed Dionne Quins are leaving their clinic at Callander (Ontario) soon to go home and live with their less famous seven brothers and sisters.

White-haired Dr. Allan Roy Dufoe, the little country physician who brought them into the world, is resigning from his position as chief guardian, and in future they will be brought up by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olive Dionne.

Next summer they will move from the hospital which was built for them from public funds to a new house that is to be built for the whole family.

Dr. Dufoe said: "I've been trying to get out of this for the last two years. It's no joke looking after the children and the finances too. 'But I shall continue as their physician, I love them too much to leave them altogether.'"

Quarrel Settled

Dr. Dufoe's decision is a settlement of a long-standing quarrel between him and the Quins' parents. Mr. Dionne, who was allowed to see his children only at set intervals, has begun several lawsuits. He agreed to drop these if Dr. Dufoe resigned the children's guardianship.

The suits included one calling for an accounting of revenue from advertisements in which the Quins featured. Another accused Dr. Dufoe of libelling Mr. Dionne during his appearance at his hilarious initiation into New York's Saints' and Sinners' Club.

Dr. Dufoe, in submitting his resignation to the Ontario Premier, Mr. Mitchell Hepburn, will urge that the Dionnes be given full charge of the physical, intellectual, moral and religious education of the Quins.

Mr. Hepburn has indicated that he will accept Dr. Dufoe's resignation as guardian, but he will insist that Dr. Dufoe remains their personal physician.

The Quins, who are wards of the King, will be six years old in May. Each weighs just under 4 stone, and is 3ft. 7ins. in height.

SPORTS ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 9th March, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 29th February, 1940.

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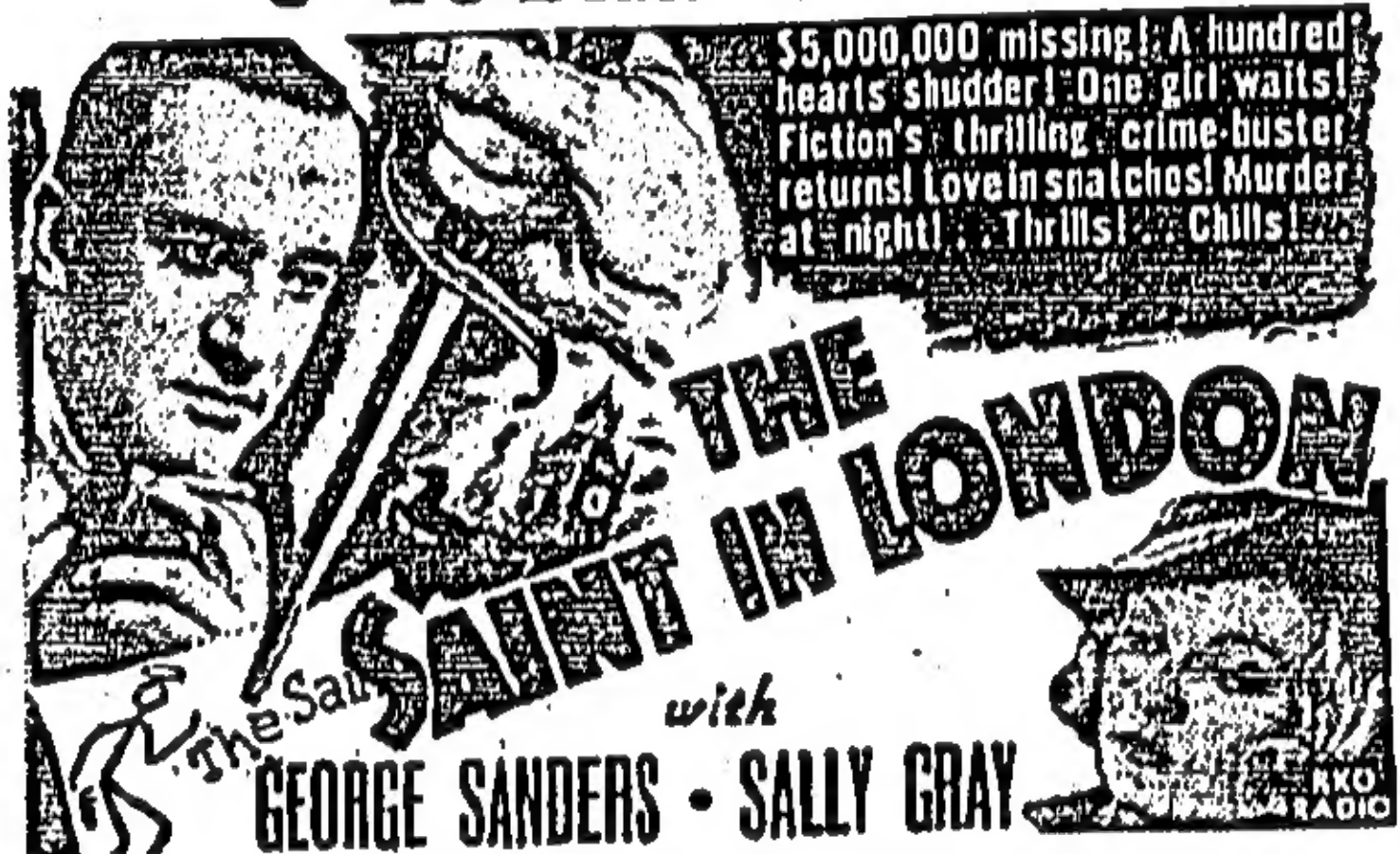
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Gallup Survey

BRITAIN IS NOT ALARMED AT THE RUSSIAN BOGEY

EVER since Ribbentrop signed the Russo-German non-aggression pact in August, German propaganda has been trying to frighten the Allies and neutralists with the Russian bogey.

That the British people are not alarmed by German rattling of the Russian sabre is shown by the results of the latest Gallup Survey taken by the British Institute of Public Opinion.

A representative sample of adult Britons all over the country was asked this question:

"Do you think that Russia intends to give Germany such help as will enable Germany to defeat Britain and France?"

The Institute's analysis of the replies to the question shows unusual similarity of view among all the opinion groups, percentage differences between the figures of the various groups and the total being mostly trivial.

Government and Opposition supporters, groups which normally show considerable difference of opinion on Russian questions, are almost identically divided in their views on Russia's desire to see Germany win.

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U.S. Vote On Peace Terms

Washington.

The sound saying that what New York and Washington think is not always what America thinks is illustrated in a striking way by a survey

which the Gallup Institute has just made on the question: "If England and France defeat Germany should the peace treaty be more severe on Germany or less severe than the treaty at the end of the last war?"

Ever since war began some of the most authoritative politicians and business men in New York and Washington have been saying the peace must be less severe this time and must give Germany an opportunity of paying her way in the world.

This view has been accepted as the American view. But the new Gallup survey shows that it is not—yet.

Fifty-four per cent. were in favour of a more severe peace treaty, 36 per cent. a less severe treaty and six per cent. think the treaty should be "about the same" as it was last time. The most common reason given by the 54 per cent. is: "Germany must be kept under control" or "taught a lesson" and "prevented from fighting again."

Britain-Japan

Settlement Of Tientsin Silver Issue

London, Feb. 25.
A special commentary issued by the Foreign Office declares there is no truth in the recent *Daniel* report from London, published in the *Far East* to the effect that "it is reliably understood" that Lord Halifax indicated to the Japanese Ambassador on February 20 that the British Government regard the silver question as virtually settled, and intimated that General Chiang Kai-shek has assented to a plan for the transferring of the silver to a neutral bank.

The same report attributes to Lord Halifax the further statement that Britain is prepared to alleviate the restrictions on exports to Japan of such commodities as Australian wool and other Empire products so long as the British war aims are not hampered and other neutrals are not enabled to demand similar treatment. The Foreign Office state that this also is entirely untrue.—*Reuter*.

£40,000 Airboat Flies Again

Village Built To Free 'Plane

AFTER TRYING FOR NEARLY TEN MONTHS, THE IMPERIAL AIRWAYS FLYING-BOAT CORSAIR, WHICH MADE A FORCED LANDING ON A RIVER IN THE BELGIAN CONGO, IS NOW IN THE AIR AGAIN AND ON HER WAY HOME TO ENGLAND.

But before men could get her off, they had to:

Build a village;

Hack a road through 2,000 yards of bush;

Construct two dams; and

Blast rocks from the river bed.

Last March Corsair, homeward bound from Durban to Southampton, got off her course and had to alight on the River Dangu, 150 miles south-west of Juba. She was badly holed, but there were no casualties and all mail, freight, and baggage were saved.

The river was entirely unsuitable for flying-boat operations, and after the "road" had been made to enable the first dam to be built—Corsair having in the meantime been beached and repaired—a take-off was attempted on July 13.

But she hit a hidden rock, however, and was damaged again.

With the waters of the river falling, a second take-off could not be attempted until after they had begun to rise again.

A second dam was built, and more rocks were blasted.

Officials of the Government in the Belgian Congo and of a gold mining company co-operated in the work, and the village which rose within sight of Corsair was necessary to house the workers.

Corsair is being piloted home by Captain J. C. Kelly Rogers, who left England a month ago.

He was in command of the flying-boat Caribou during her inaugural flight for the British North Atlantic "Air Mail" service to Botwood, Montreal, and New York last August. Corsair cost more than £40,000.

LEGACY LEFT TO CHURCHYARD

LONDON.
George Smith, Charles Smith and their sister kept house together for more than 50 years at Faversham in Kent.

Charles was the first to die and was buried in the village churchyard, which was in a sad state of repair.

By the will just published of George Smith, however, who died last November a legacy of £5,000 has been left to the vicar and churchwardens, the income from which is to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the churchyard.

This bequest was made in memory of his brother Charles.



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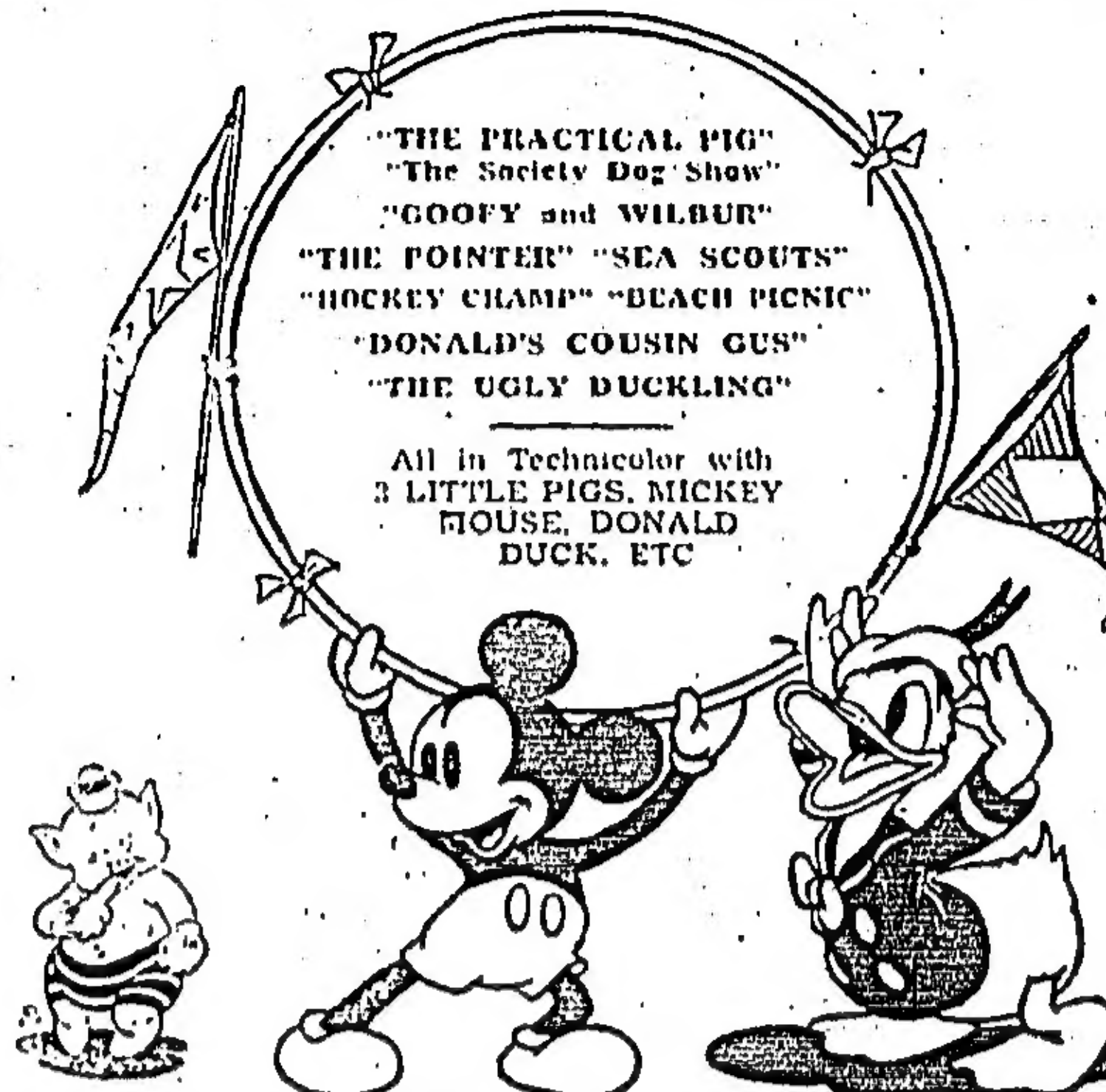
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LATE NEWS

Whitehall Bans Name Spelling In

By A Radio Correspondent
ALL the wives and sisters, as well as the France, who took part in Christmas afternoon broadcast Spelling Bee remained anonymous.

The ten soldiers chosen by Richard Dimbleby in France from various units, range from privates to a company quartermaster-sergeant. The ten civilians (mainly women) came from towns, villages and cities throughout Britain.

Christopher Stone as comper, put the questions, which included a General Knowledge Bee with problems on Army matters for the home team, and civilian posers for the B.E.F. team.

For the final round there was a "Pass the message" game, in which listeners heard each competitor whisper to his neighbour a message at the microphone.

As this message was passed round, marks were awarded to the side which handles it most accurately.

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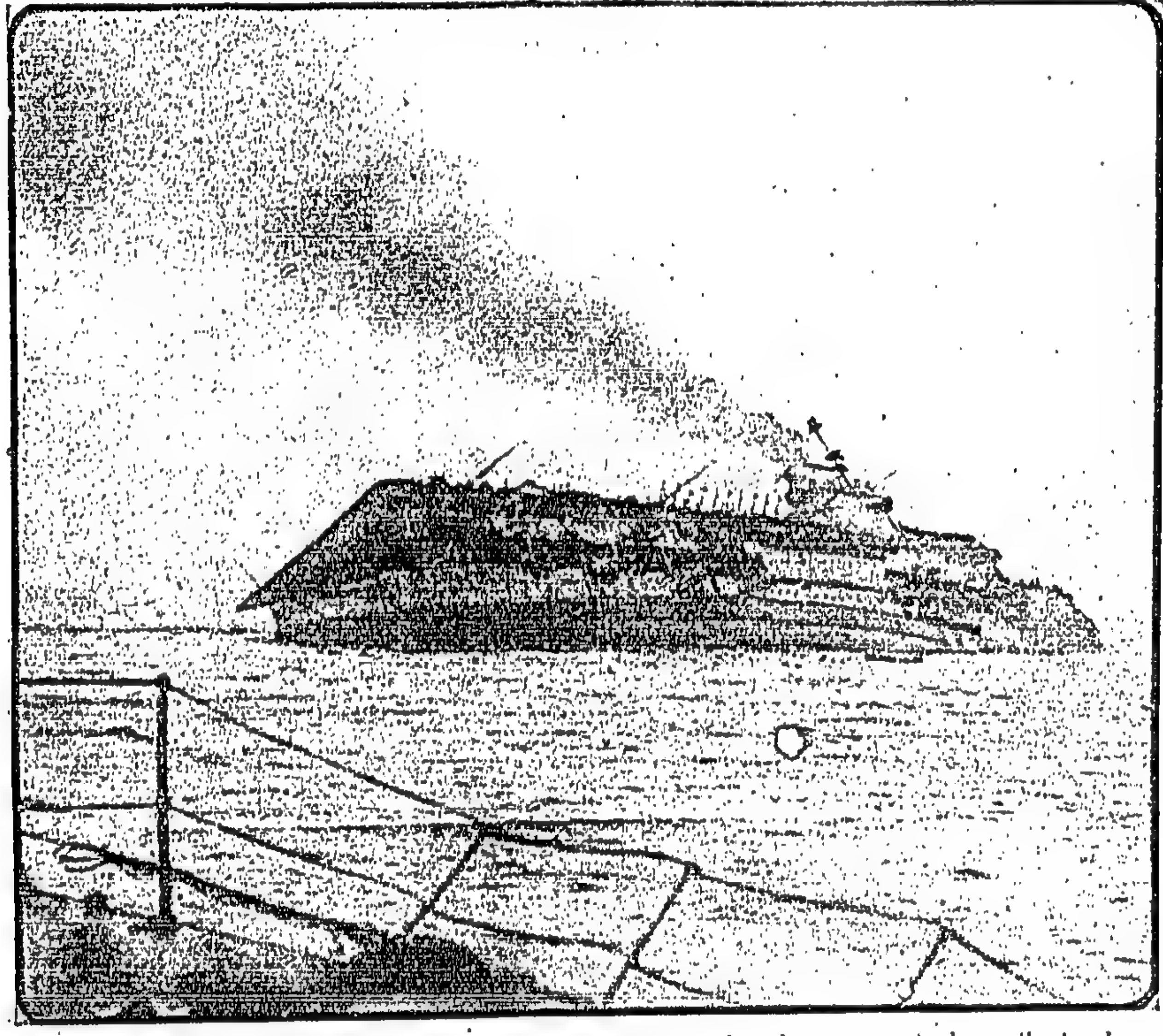


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Unnamed Heroes of Royal Air Force In Great Battle LONE BOMBER FIGHTS FIVE MESSERSCHMIDTS

THE MOST MOVING PICTURE OF THE WAR



THE aircraft carrier Courageous, struck by a torpedo when on patrol on September 17, sinking in the sunset. She has heeled over, her crew are scrambling down the ship's side and into the boats. Many have leaped into the sea and are swimming towards the escorting destroyer from which this picture was taken. The captain, Captain W. T. Makeig-Jones, can be seen on the bridge. He did not leave, and went down with his ship, saluting the V white Ensign. A few minutes later the Courageous turned turtle and sank, carrying 515 officers and men with her. Six hundred and eighty-seven others were saved. This picture was only recently released.

FINNS ADMIT NEW WITHDRAWAL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (Domei).—Finnish G.H.Q. admitted early this morning that increasing Red pressure has necessitated withdrawal to new lines of defence at several points along the Karelian Isthmus. The communique states that the retreat has been made in accordance with tactical necessity. Unofficial circles believe that the Mannerheim Line defences are becoming increasingly compromised.

New Soviet Offensive
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (UP).—Last night's official Finnish communique claims that local attacks on the Karelian Isthmus were repulsed with heavy Red losses. Soviet aerial activity was confined to northern Finland, where damage was slight. The Russians have launched a new offensive across the border at Punojoki. The communique claims, however, that they have been hurled back in this sector by the arrival of fresh Finnish reinforcements.

Soviet Advance Held By Finns
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Finnish positions on the eastern sector of the Mannerheim Line are still intact. In the western sector, where the Russians broke through in the vicinity of Summa, the Finns appear to have held up any further advances and the Reds are not yet in touch with the main Finnish defences in front of Viborg. The Soviet lines in front of Viborg form a salient with Kolvisio as the apex. Although the Reds have again reiterated their claim to the capture of

Is Reich Mediating In Finnish War?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26 (UP).—Rumours of possible German attempts to mediate in the war in Finland have been becoming more strong during the past few days. Some circles believe that Sweden's categorical refusal to aid Finland is connected with these rumours, as it is thought that Sweden's decision was "too pat" to be explained without some assurance having been received from Hitler. It is believed in these circles that Hitler has told Sweden that Germany will not let Russia press on to the Arctic harbours. But Russia must have a "face-saving" victory, even though it may be on a smaller scale than her original demands indicated.

LONDON, FEB. 25 (REUTER).—THE R.A.F. CARRIED OUT ANOTHER EXTENSIVE FLIGHT OVER HELIGOLAND BIGHT AND NORTH-WEST GERMANY YESTERDAY.

This time they met with some opposition but six separate attacks were beaten off and all the British planes got home safely after completing their task.

One Bristol Blenheim bomber was attacked by five Messerschmidt 109 fighters while it was returning from Heligoland Bight and the German Friesian Islands with some of the most valuable photographs yet taken over enemy territory.

Despite the superior speed of the enemy fighters and the fact that one machine-gun was practically out of action, the British plane got away.

The enemy was first sighted by the R.A.F. plane when it was flying in a clear patch of sky 2,000 feet up.

FANTASTIC CLAIMS Nazis Sink British Merchant Fleet!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (UP).—Germany has "sunk" so many British steamers that she will have to start sinking the British merchant marine all over again soon—if her fantastic claims are to continue at the present rate. She has just issued official claims for the first five months of warfare. During that time, she claims, 1,800,000 tons of British and neutral tonnage has been sent to the bottom.

Yes, Yes, Of Course
"The sorrows of the British Admiralty for the future of navigation are fully justified," the communique reports. "It is remarkable that the losses of ships have regularly increased, especially of late. The losses inflicted on British ships by the German Air Force are not included in the 1,800,000 tons sunk," the communique adds as an afterthought.

Five Against One
LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—An authoritative description of the air battle states that the British bomber was attacked from above, the left and astern by five Messerschmidt fighters of the 109 type. Despite the enemy's superior speed, the fact that it was hit six times by machine-gun fire and that one of the British machine-guns was virtually out of action, the bomber succeeded in evading its pursuers and returned safely to its base with valuable photographs which it had previously obtained over enemy territory. All members of the crew escaped injury.

Sweden's Exchange Precautions
STOCKHOLM, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Riksdag to-day approved the Swedish Government's measures to safeguard the country's exchange to ensure the importation of vital commodities and to provide for purchases abroad for the nation's defence. Only authorised dealers may buy and sell foreign exchange and then only for special purposes. The measures are to be enforced immediately.

Altmark Protest Presented
LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office announced that the Norwegian Minister to London called on Lord Halifax on Saturday and presented him with a note from the Norwegian Government on the Altmark case. The Norwegian Minister also replied to certain enquiries which were made at an interview held last week.

Escaped in Cloud Bank
Three minutes after the battle started, the British pilot saw a bank of clouds 3,000 feet above him. He decided to take cover in them and roared up towards the clouds in a series of steep right-handed turns. One Messerschmidt promptly attacked him from above and another attacked him from below. Beating them off the R.A.F. machine continued up and entered the cloud bank. Here the Nazis lost contact and had to abandon the chase. The R.A.F. machine returned home with six bursts of bullets in it but no one was injured. The photographs were intact.

THE pilot immediately dived his plane towards sea level to prevent an attack from below and to restrict the movements of the Germans.
On the way down one plane attacked it from above and the others followed, three on the port side and another at the stern. After this attack they gained height again and dived down again from both sides.

The R.A.F. plane, wheeling to left and right, fought them off by turning its nose towards each attacking plane as it came down.

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SO THE NAZIS GAVE A SILVER LOVING CUP!
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (UP).—The German Air Ministry, through the German Legation in Copenhagen, has forwarded a silver loving cup to Captain Meyer of the Danish steamer Feddy which rescued two German pilots in the North Sea on October 8. In the meantime, however, German airmen on February 9 killed several of the Feddy's crew when the ship was en route to England. They strafed the ship with their machine-guns and the ship narrowly escaped destruction. She was rescued by British vessels and brought to a British port.

THIS IS A RELIC OF 1918



THIS HUGE SHELL dug up on a farm in the peaceful Somme valley looks like one from the Allies' own giant rail guns in the present war. But it is a relic, just discovered, of a war that is 25 years old. If explosive is found to be still good, it will go into a new shell.

ALLIED-SOVIET WAR BELIEVED INEVITABLE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Feb. 25 (Domei).—Turkish newspapers now believe that clashes between Allied forces and the Soviet Union are inevitable. It is believed certain that the Allies will not hesitate to start military action against Baku, the Soviet port in the Black Sea from whence the rich Baku oilfield supplies are shipped, in the event of Russian supplies to Germany assuming greater proportions.

In the meantime, the Turkish military authorities are strengthening the defences of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus Strait as well as in Istanbul itself. Officers of the Turkish High Command, accompanied by British and French military engineers, arrived here to-day to re-organise local defences.

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2 INDIANS SHOT DEAD

Sensational Wanchai Shooting Affray

Two Indians are dead and a third in hospital suffering from gunshot wounds as the result of a sensational shooting affray in Jaffe Street, Wanchai last night. Murder and suicide are indicated in the police report. The victims are:

DEAD
Santa Singh, Watchman No. 331;
Lall Singh, Watchman No. 316;

WOUNDED
Indar Singh, Watchman No. 389.

According to the police report, Lall Singh ran amok shortly after three o'clock this morning. He shot Santa Singh through the chest and then turned his 38 revolver on Indar Singh, who received a bullet wound in the thigh. The shooting occurred on the third floor of 93, Jaffe Road. After the shooting Lall Singh apparently ran up to the roof, still armed with his revolver, and then fled across the intervening roofs to the top of 77, Jaffe Road. His body was discovered there later this morning. In his right hand was his revolver and the hand a bullet wound through the head. Lall Singh was still alive when his body was discovered and he was immediately taken to Queen Mary Hospital. He died in hospital at 8.30 p.m.

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His Excellency The Governor and Lady Northcote have kindly consented to be present.

Tickets can be obtained from:

Mrs. Phillips,

28 Kadoorie Avenue,

Tel. 57997,

and from the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Prices: \$1.00 & \$2.00.

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Bangkok and Tientsin Feb. 27.
Egypt Feb. 27.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th January) Feb. 27.
Hainan Feb. 27.
Shanghai Feb. 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 16th January) Feb. 27.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 17th February Feb. 28.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 21st February Feb. 28.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon Feb. 28.
Japan and Shanghai Feb. 28.
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Shanghai Feb. 28.
U.S.A., and Manila (San Francisco date, 31st Jan.) Feb. 28.

OUTWARD MAILS

Bangkok 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard 2.30 p.m.
Canton 7.00 p.m.
Saigon, Sandakan, Malacca, Sulu and Tulagi 8.30 a.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta 11.00 a.m.
Parcels Feb. 27, 11 a.m.
Ord. Feb. 27, noon.
Hainan Feb. 27, 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hollow 1.30 p.m.
Manila, Sulu, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Naples—due Naples 24th March
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 27, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 6th March.
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 4th March.
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 27, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only) due Vancouver B.C., 16th March.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 28, 8.15 a.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco—due San Francisco 21st March.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 8.30 a.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 16th March, 1940, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 9th March, 1940 to Saturday, 16th March, 1940, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 'Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each' to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised 'to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund' and to allot to the Members 'holding shares of the Company' as on the 1st day of July, 1940, 'in respect of the net amount 'capitalised' fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent 'nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two 'shares of the Company then 'held by such persons respectively and that such shares shall 'allotted shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person 'would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, 'in lieu of issuing fractional 'Certificates, cause the whole 'share to be allotted to a person 'or persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share shall, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the 'persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,
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TRAPPED AIRMAN SAVED

LONDON.
While a young aircraftman fought bravely for life in a quagmire which was dragging him under, watched by his terrified wife and mother-in-law, two young brother

Western Front has a Blitzkrieg rehearsal

TOMMIES GO OVER TOP IN MAKE-BELIEVE WAR

DR. GOEBBELS's tame newspapers are working up his latest propaganda campaign—rumours of war to come in the Near East between Russia and the Allies—to crescendo pitch.

Russia is being told that Britain, France, and Turkey are massing an army of 1,000,000 strong to attack the Soviet across the Caucasus. Britain is being warned that Russia is massing troops—variously reported as up to a total of 800,000—to attack Iraq, Afghanistan, and India.

MYSTERY MOVE

THE purpose behind this campaign is not clear. To begin with it is not true.

Authoritative quarters in London have denied that Britain, France, and Turkey were hatching any such plot. They also denied that Russia was massing men along the Iranian and Afghan frontiers.

Dr. Goebbels, it is therefore thought, may have one of three aims in view:

1.—To hearten the German people by deluding them into the belief that Britain and France will shortly have more trouble on their hands;

2.—To stir up a war between Russia and the Allies; or

3.—To frighten Britain into letting Germany off with an easy peace.

It is, in any case, a clear indication that Germany is still striving frantically to wriggle out of a tight and clash with the powerful Allied Forces.

ALL FAILED

IT will be recalled that Germany had made several attempts in this direction. All failed.

First, there were the peace "proposals" of Herr Hitler last October. The Allies answered "No!"

Then came various subtle moves designed to separate France from Britain. France refused to listen.

Finally came a whole series of "blitzkrieg" threats designed to make Britain's flesh creep. Britain's flesh did not creep. And nothing happened.

So now comes the new campaign.

Reports are published from Moscow, Istanbul, Rome, Belgrade, and Budapest, all purporting to show that military preparations of the Allies and Russia are already so far ahead that the storm may break any day.

"H.Q. IN SYRIA"

THE Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung has even sent a special correspondent to describe the "Situation South of the Caucasus." He tries to show that Russia will not be caught unawares and that the building of strategic roads leading to the Turkish-Armenian frontiers is proceeding satisfactorily.

The Volksischer Beobachter, in a cable from Istanbul, gives details of the alleged British-French-Turkish Army being massed against Russia.

The correspondent "reveals" that the army will consist of 500,000 Turks, 400,000 French, and 80,000 British soldiers.

They will be under the command of General Weygand, with his headquarters in Beirut, in Syria.

QUIET WEDDING

The wedding took place quietly at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday, between Mr. Frederick William Wynyard and Miss Florence Audrey Lee.

THE REV. Mr. J. R. Higgs, Vicar of St. Andrew's officiated.

The bride, who is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lee, formerly of Shanghai, was given away in marriage by her father. She was attired in French bridal crepe cut on Victorian lines, with high neckline and gathered bodice. The sleeves of the gown were long and tight fitting, and the train cut in one with the full skirt. Her short veil was caught to her head with orange blossoms. White gladioli composed her bouquet.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. F. Wynyard, formerly of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and of Mrs. M. Wynyard, of Hongkong. He was attended by Mr. George Roylance, as best man.

The reception, which was attended by the intimate friends of the happy couple, was held at the Peninsula Hotel. Later Mrs. Wynyard changed into a rose coloured woollen dress trimmed with lace, with brown accessories, created by "Riviera."

climbed 200 ft. down a cliff at Warden in Kent and saved him.

The airman was spending the last hours of his leave walking with his wife and mother-in-law when he stepped into the quagmire and immediately sank.

He was in a terribly muddy state and had not time to clean himself before catching his train to rejoin his unit.

Prince Starhemberg Is Officer in French Army

The French Government has accepted Prince Ernst Starhemberg's long-standing offer to serve in the French Army.

He has been accepted for the duration and given the rank of lieutenant.

The Prince, a bitter opponent of Germany and Nazism, led the Austrian patriotic movement, Heimwehr, until the invasion of Austria, and offered to form an Austrian Legion to fight Germany.

Paper Hat Concession To Nudists

CARNIVAL paper hats will be worn as a concession to the nudist colony in the clubhouse of the National Sun and Air Association, Shoot-up Hill, Cricke-

wood.

Otherwise the 150 men, women and children expected as guests will be nude. Only an occasional bangle, necklace or wrist watch will be seen.

Some of the guests will be from distant countries—Brazil, Malaya, South Africa, India. Others will be leaving Service uniforms in the cloak-room near the entrance.

W.A.A.F., W.A.S., W.A.T.S., W.A.F.S., R.A.F., and Army and Navy.

"We have always had very keen members among the Services," Mrs. Marian Lill, secretary of the association, told a reporter.

Dancing

Mrs. Lill's daughters, Nora (17) and Monica (14) will be hostesses with her. Her third daughter, Sheila (7), is evacuated.

There will be dancing, with music supplied from Strauss waltzes to swing in one of the three large recreation rooms.

In the others there will be games, indoor fireworks, crackers, and all kinds of physical exercises.

The Wellington, for example, now generally recognized as the finest bomber in the world, is surprisingly better than it was before the war.

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But the harbour was devoid of shipping, so they returned to their base without unloading their bombs. Photographs taken over German aerodromes by British planes flying at only 2,000 or 3,000ft. may be released for publication soon.

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Pistols fire lights —but no bullets

By O. D. GALLAGHER,
Daily Express War Reporter

WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE.

IN PAIRS, British troops went over the top at selected spots all along the British line this morning when it was still dark and pushed out into No-Man's-land.

They had been sent out to get an enemy's covey of our line. You might say they were snipers, because each pair had a Very pistol, and when they spotted the sudden stab of a torchlight or something equally offensive in a night front line they fired them and, myxed on a map the spot where it had been seen.

The Britons were playing at make-believe. Every man was in position and carrying on as though Hitler had begun his Blitzkrieg. Billets were emptied by an early order which sent every one into position with all the gear necessary. And the "war" began.

Endurance Test

Of course, no shots were fired. They might have been misunderstood. Ready though our Army are to take their full share of a Blitzkrieg, it is not high policy to precipitate anything. As you know, this is a war of endurance.

The longer it lasts the more certain are our chances of winning. British troops carried on throughout the night—bringing up munitions in dumb play, sending up wiring parties, carrying casualties to the rear.

The stretcher bearers were un-luckier than the munitions carriers, for they really had to carry men on their stretchers. Tiresome burdens, the "casualties" lay back with the insouciance of Mae West and smirked at the sweating stretcher bearers.

"How's things?" I asked one who held the rear end of a stretcher. "Could be worse." He walked on, panting, they turned his head and added, "... but not a great deal."

Bombers That Shoot Down German Fighters

GERMANY'S AIRMEN have discovered to their cost that since the outbreak of war practically the whole of Britain's bomber force has been re-equipped with more formidable armament.

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VICTORY SEEN FOR TROTSKY

PARIS—Publication of a French "Yellow Book" on origins of the war disclosed that in last French Ambassador to Berlin, Robert Coulondre, had told Reichsfuhrer Hitler he feared the only real victor of a new war would be "Trotsky Communism."

M. Coulondre's concern was expressed to Herr Hitler in an interview last August 25, when the Führer gave him a personal message for Premier Edouard Daladier expressing the hope that France would not go to war against Germany.

The Ambassador, in a report which he wrote immediately after the interview and which is published in the "Yellow Book," said he had given Herr Hitler "my word as a soldier that I have not the slightest doubt that if Poland should be attacked, France would be with its forces at the side of Poland."

Then M. Coulondre added: "Although I think really that we would be victorious, I also have the fear that at the end of a war there would be only one real victor—Monsieur Trotsky."

It was significant that M. Coulondre used the name of Leon Trotsky, leader of Communists working for world revolution, rather than that of Joseph Stalin, whose form of Communism is considered by the French national rather than international.

The "Yellow Book" consists of 350 diplomatic documents recording developments from the Munich conference of September, 1938, to the start of the war. In form it follows closely a similar publication by the British Government.

Miss M. Davis, Mr. H. Hobden, Mr. K. H. H., Mr. W. J. Kelly, Mr. M. Marcus, Mr. Z. On, Mr. C. Tonge, Mr. R. J. Wetherhead, Mr. For Batavia: Mr. T. A. Collins, Mr. G. Ringelstein, Mr. J. O. S. S. S., Mr. F. F. Spielmann.

Reply To Lord Haw-Haw

LORD HAW-HAW of Zeelen and Hamburg is the bent needle on Goebbels' scratchy gramophone record.

A little man, with an ersatz plum in his mouth, he tells the lies of the Nazi propaganda machine with the glibness of a small boy reciting "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

He is the Groucho Marx of the air. And every bit as funny. British listeners hear his broadcasts every night. They prefer his comedy to chamber music.

But Haw-Haw is a clever liar, and some of his lies are repeated so often that they start to sound convincing.

The week, taking it by and large, was a bad one for his lordship. He let out a mighty blast at Britain's contemptible little Air Force, but the R.A.F. had the final word. They invaded Western Germany so effectively that Haw-Haw had to scuttle to his air-raid shelter along with all the other Haw-Haws in all the other languages.

The R.A.F., indeed, inspired his worst howler of the week.

Fiction And Fact

Adjusting his ersatz plum so he could really get his teeth into it, he said, in the course of a broadside lasting several minutes:

"The Prime Minister has mentioned the alleged superiority of British 'planes over those of German design. Such a statement must be very difficult to maintain in the face of recent events. The facts are: One British plane alone was sighted—and driven off. A major encounter took place when British bombers attempted to attack an island. . . they turned back almost at once."

Fled TO Funk Hole

This is scarcely accurate. Here are the facts:

The R.A.F. have made about 100 reconnaissance flights over Germany.

The R.A.F. sent Haw-Haw himself screaming for his funk-hole on Tuesday night—just when his British fans were settling down for a good laugh.

The R.A.F. pulled out the largest aerial action of the war when they knocked the hell out of Heilgoland nearly a fortnight ago and bombed Nazi bathsheds in the process.

The R.A.F. security patrols now go on nightly over the High—and we won the first dog-fight 4-3.

Not Quite His Topic

But he made a beautiful ersatz bloomer on the same night—and again on the same subject.

"The German Air Force," he squeaked, "is not particularly interested in stressing the superiority of its warplane designs."

"It can afford to wait until the evidence supplied by actual encounter proves which is the better."

Can it? Apart from the fact that Goering's air force shows a marked disinclination to fight at all, its record when it has been cornered is not impressive. Just investigate.

On November 8 a flight of nine French Curtiss 'planes—not considered to compare with British Hurricanes or Spitfires—took on 27 German Messerschmitts—shot down nine and escaped without loss.

Knocked Cock-Eyed

Then, of course, his lordship perpetrated a minor masterpiece about the Graf Spee, which he hailed as a great German naval victory.

He asserted that the world recently beat the Graf Spee, speed 26 knots, could not possibly have run away from the British cruisers, speed 30 knots.

It never struck this clown that the cruisers might be zig-zagging to avoid guns so powerful that they could have blown the British attackers out of the water.



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By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

WHAT are the reactions of the French soldier to the war with Germany? We know that Hitler has attempted to separate Britain and France. He hurls propaganda at the French soldiers in the front lines with this object in view. Has he succeeded?

Somermet Maugham, the famous English novelist, visited the Maginot Lines to find out.

In this, the second of a vivid series of articles from his pen, he tells of what he found there.

I SPENT a week with the French Armies in Alsace and Lorraine. The case-mate I visited was well in front of the Maginot Line.

The Commandant who showed me over it had the look of a well-fed Burgher in an old Dutch picture; he was a thick-set, rubicund, jovial man with a red moustache.

He took the same pride in his fortress as the commander of a man-of-war takes in his ship.

I asked him how long he could hold out against an attacking force.

"If necessary I could stand a siege of six months," he said, and with his eyes twinkling added: "But I should hope they'd come and rescue us before then."

When he showed me one of his big machine-guns and demonstrated how it could be brought into action, he remarked, his eyes twinkling again: "The one thing a gunner dreams of at night is that he will sight an enemy tank passing within range when there's no superior officer by and he can have a shot at it on his own."

I saw the men's quarters. There is not much room and the beds are close together, one row above another; some were lying on their beds reading, others were clustered at the further end of the dormitory playing cards or chatting.



The Peace Conference At Versailles—1919

They Fight for France



GENERAL GAMELIN

They've Made A New Home

THEY had made themselves at home in their narrow space, and you felt that with youth

and good humour to help them they were finding life good enough. They knew how much better off they were than the men in the cold and mud of the advanced posts.

They had a neat little canteen where they could buy cigarettes, beer, chocolates and toilet necessities; they could even buy hair-wash and scent. There were tables in the canteen where they could sit in their leisure hours, drink a glass of beer, listen to the radio and almost think themselves back in the *caserne* of their native village.

Pour la Patrie

I TRIED to find out what the French soldier thinks about the war.

With respect to this, a general I lunched with told me an anecdote. He had been reviewing some troops and on the way back to his car passed a bugler. The bugler saluted smartly, but in the agitation of the moment forgot to bring his feet together; smiling, the general stopped, asked him his name, where he came from and what his occupation was in civil life.

When, with some embarrassment, he had answered these questions, the general said: "Well, my boy, and why are you fighting this war?"

"Pour la Patrie, for my country," the general laughed. "Yes I know all about that. That's what they taught you to say at school. But why are you fighting this war?"

A smile broke on the bugler's honest face and he said: "Eh, bien, a cause des Boches, j'en ai marre. (Well, because I'm fed to the teeth with the Germans.)"

I thought the anecdote significant for the insight it gave into the soldiers' frame of mind. There is no hatred there, no desire to hurt, no irreconcilable antagonism; but impatience, impatience with those Teutons who will not let their neighbours live in the peace they love so well, impatience and the feeling that things have gone too far.

It seemed to me that the French officers I came across were men of unusual intelligence. They were keen soldiers, and they gave me the impression of knowing their business with extreme thoroughness. Modern war is a science and these were scientists.

But what particularly struck me was their solicitude for their men, their humanity and their reasonableness. I was told a little story, which, trivial as it may be, seemed to me rather touching. Half a dozen men, sent out to do some job, had been splashing about all day in the mud and wet and when they got back to their quarters were soaked to the skin; their captain knew they had no change of socks and so distributed his own among them till they were dry.

Nazis Stare Would Make

I IMAGINE that such a story would make a German officer stare.

Discipline is maintained as well as in any other army, but there is in the French army a feeling of solidarity between the various ranks which is truly democratic.

With the whole nation in arms, men in every rank of society are together, bearing the same discomforts and exposed to the same risks.

A French reporter told me that he and a number of his colleagues had been taken along the front for a trip that lasted several days and at the end of it a suggestion was made that the drivers of their cars should be tipped.

"Watch your step," said the officer who had charge of them, "some of your drivers could buy you all up a dozen times over."

I made it my business to ask a number of men how they ate and I found none who had a complaint to make.

They began the morning with a cup of black coffee and hunk of bread; at ten they have a snack they call the *casse-croute* and this consists of sardines or sausages with another cup of coffee. The midday meal is copious: *hors d'oeuvres*, meat with rice, potatoes or lentils, cheese or stewed fruit to follow, and a quarter of a litre of wine. The evening meal is the same except that soup replaces the *hors d'oeuvres*. The ration of wine has now been increased to a litre a day.

But of course the days are long. Except for the men who are in the front line there are interminable hours in which there is nothing much to do but to kill time.

The French suffer from the lack of the organised games which enable the British soldier to occupy his leisure.

Night falls early and there are limits to the number of hours you can play *belotte*.

Boredom is one of the enemies that the General Staff has to deal with.

Books are needed, books by the thousand, and radios, with programmes that will cheer and amuse, and without too many patriotic harangues; they do not want their patriotism aroused, these men, it is there deep in their bones; they want to know what is going on, of course, but they want to laugh and sigh at songs, comic and sentimental; and they want entertainments.

The Poilu Sticks To His Rifle

THE French soldier is above all an infantry man. He heard with sincere distress of the loss of the British ships *Courageous* and *Royal Oak*.

That hard upon two thousand officers and men should have lost their lives had a peculiar effect on him. Even though these were lamentable catastrophes they heightened him, for they brought it home to him that he was being really supported by the British Navy.

But the activities of Great Britain on the sea and in the air do not really mean very much to him, any more than do those of his own navy and air force. The arm in which he puts his confidence is the infantry.

I will finish this sketch by a story I was told by a doctor. Three English planes, flying over the German lines, were attacked and two were brought down in flames; the pilot of the third, though badly wounded, managed to bring it down in France; but when the French troops got up to him they found that he was unconscious.

They took him to the hospital at Nancy. When he recovered consciousness his first question was about the two men in the planes that had gone up with him. The doctor told him they were dead.

The pilot was just a boy. He raised himself up in bed and brought his hand up to his bandaged head in a salute. "Nevd' mind," he said. "It's for England."

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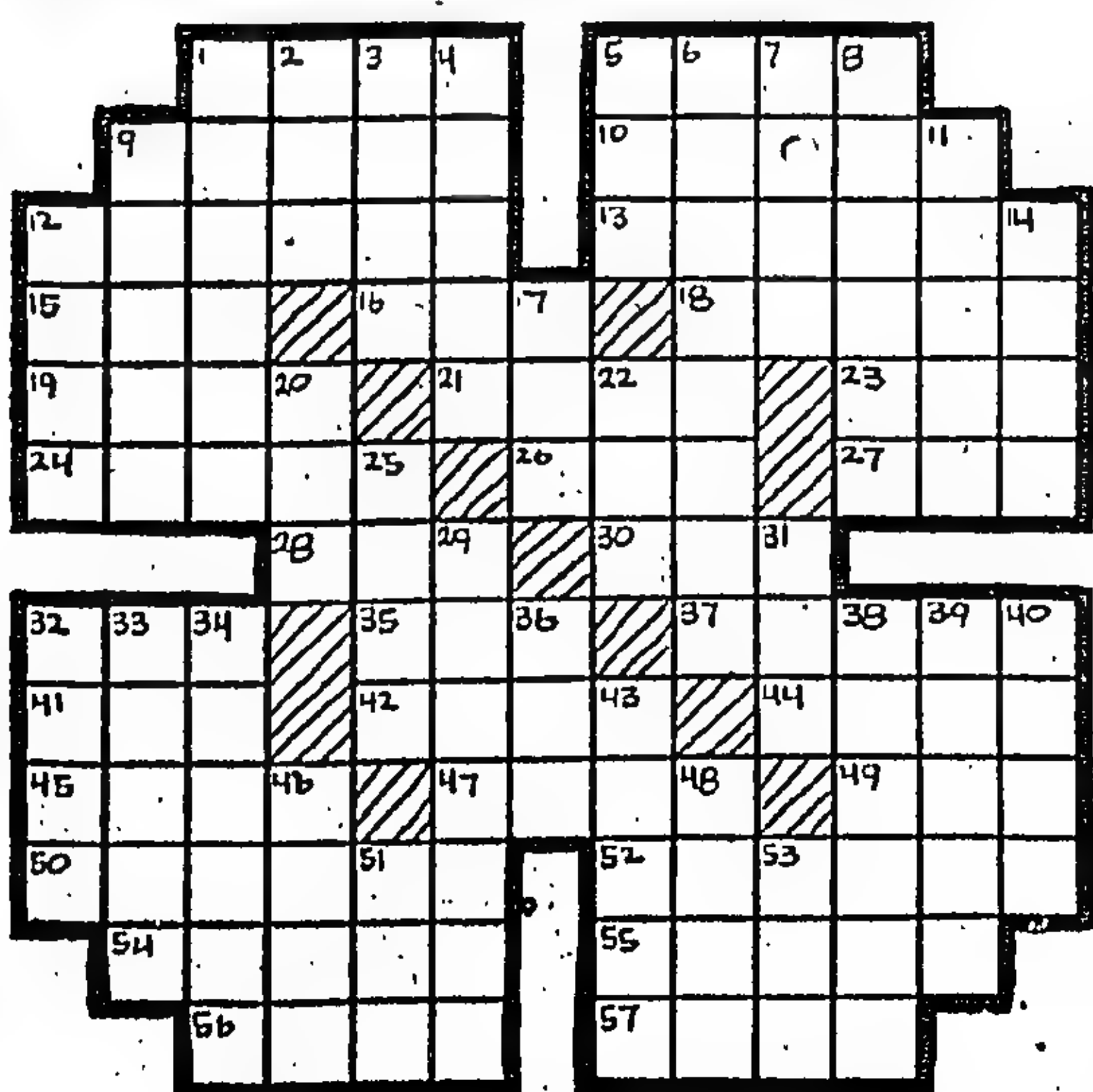
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- 8—Liberate (slang)
- 9—Mental state
- 10—Light brown
- 11—Person spoken to
- 12—Termination
- 13—United States of America (abbr.)
- 14—Sleep lightly
- 15—Edmund
- 16—Dumped out remains
- 17—Maire
- 18—Resuscitate
- 19—End of war
- 20—Chart
- 21—Large birds
- 22—Short poem
- 23—Musical composition
- 24—Lazzy

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Hunk
2—Sardines
3—Bugler
4—Canteen
5—Caserne
6—Ration
7—Wine
8—Patrol
9—Navy
10—Infantry
11—Planes
12—Hospital
13—Nancy
14—Boy
15—Nevd' mind
16—It's for England

DOWN

- 1—Clearings in forest
- 2—Uncle (s) African
- 3—Uncle
- 4—Wind by nature
- 5—Kind of pastry (pl)
- 6—Dignified
- 7—Bladder
- 8—Cloned cat
- 9—Part of leg
- 10—Tear spot
- 11—Transmit money to
- 12—Devoiced
- 13—French cold
- 14—Pinty divided rock
- 15—Particulate
- 16—Track over again
- 17—Little light
- 18—No soup on account
- 19—Helio of sun
- 20—Cold lack water
- 21—Noise peculiar noise
- 22—Head of tribe
- 23—Plant embryo
- 24—Furniture
- 25—Buck of neck
- 26—Jilt with flat of hand
- 27—Valuable metal
- 28—Farwell salutation



Exclusive Pictures of Race Meeting Personalities



These interesting pictures were taken specially for the "Telegraph" by Ming Yuen during this week's races at Happy Valley. Top left shows Paymaster-Commander Crowley and Lieut.-Commander Garrett studying form from the stands; top right shows Miss R. Vickers receiving a bouquet and cheers after presenting Jockey S. C. Liang with the Ladies Purse at Wednesday's meeting. Also in the picture are Sir Vandeleur Grayburn and the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce. Below is Mr. Harry Ko holding the Governor's Cup which he won, and Mr. L. B. Chao his jockey. Right of that is Burford being led in after winning the Champions on Wednesday. On left is seen Mrs. R. R. W. Ashby and Mr. G. Grossman, snapped in the enclosure between races. Below, His Excellency the Governor at the presentation of the Governor's Cup. In the picture, reading from left to right are Mr. L. B. Chao, Mr. Harry Ko, Sir Atholl MacGregor, His Excellency, and the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce.

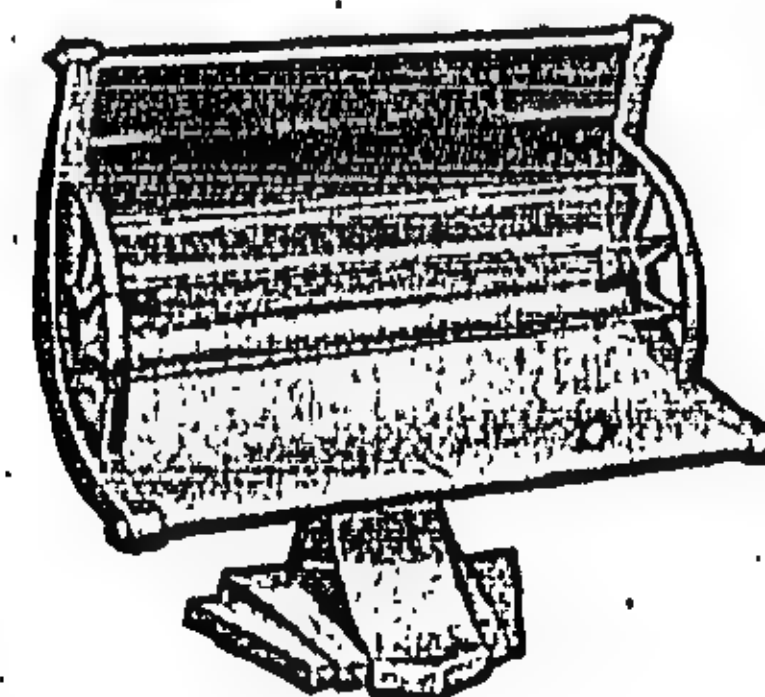
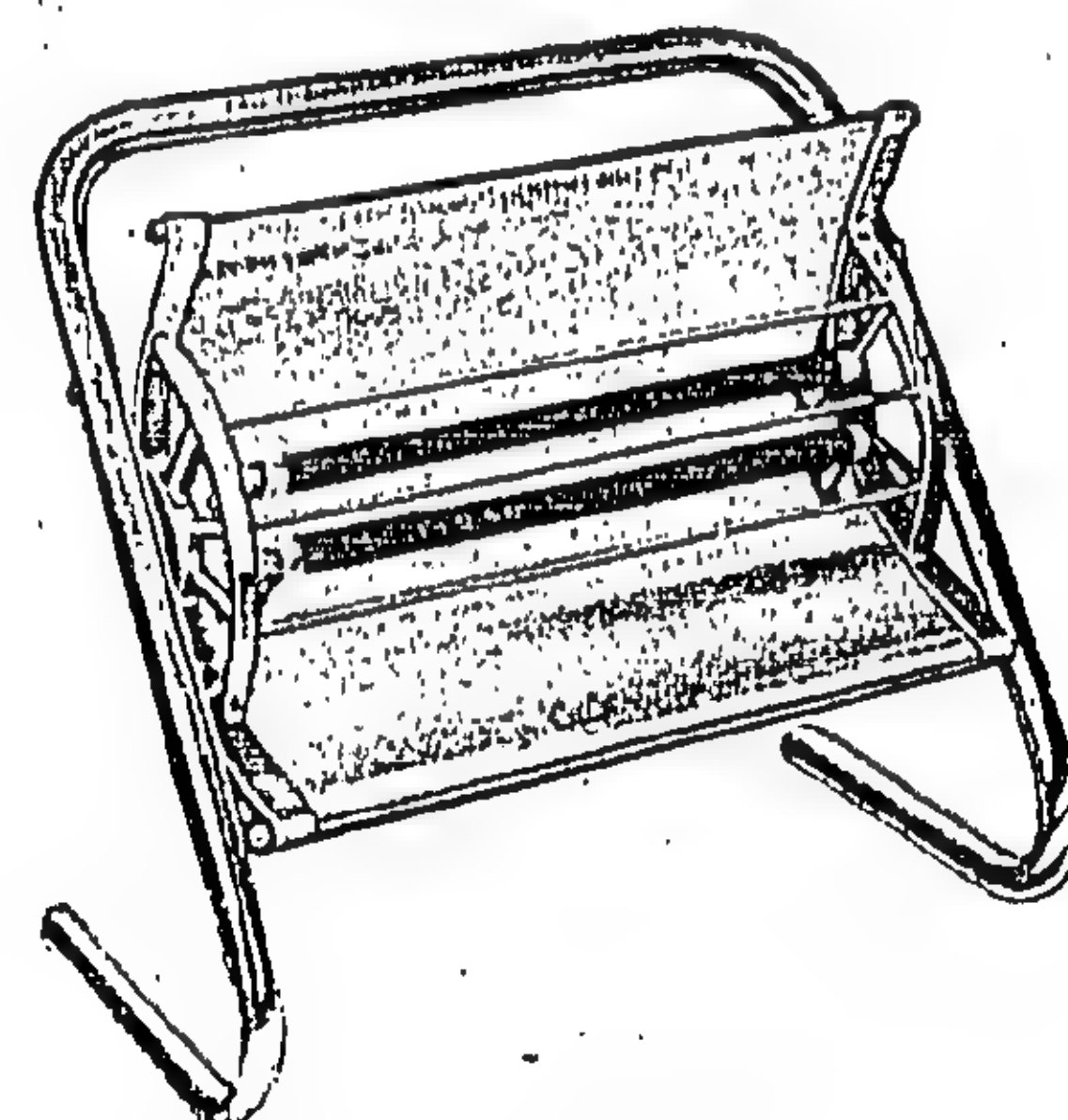
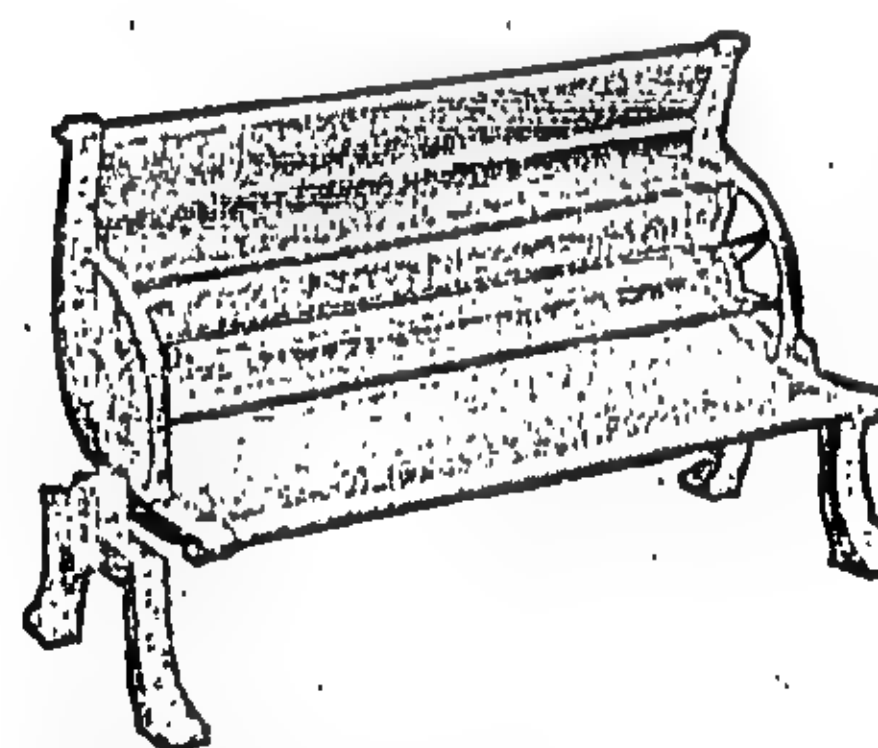


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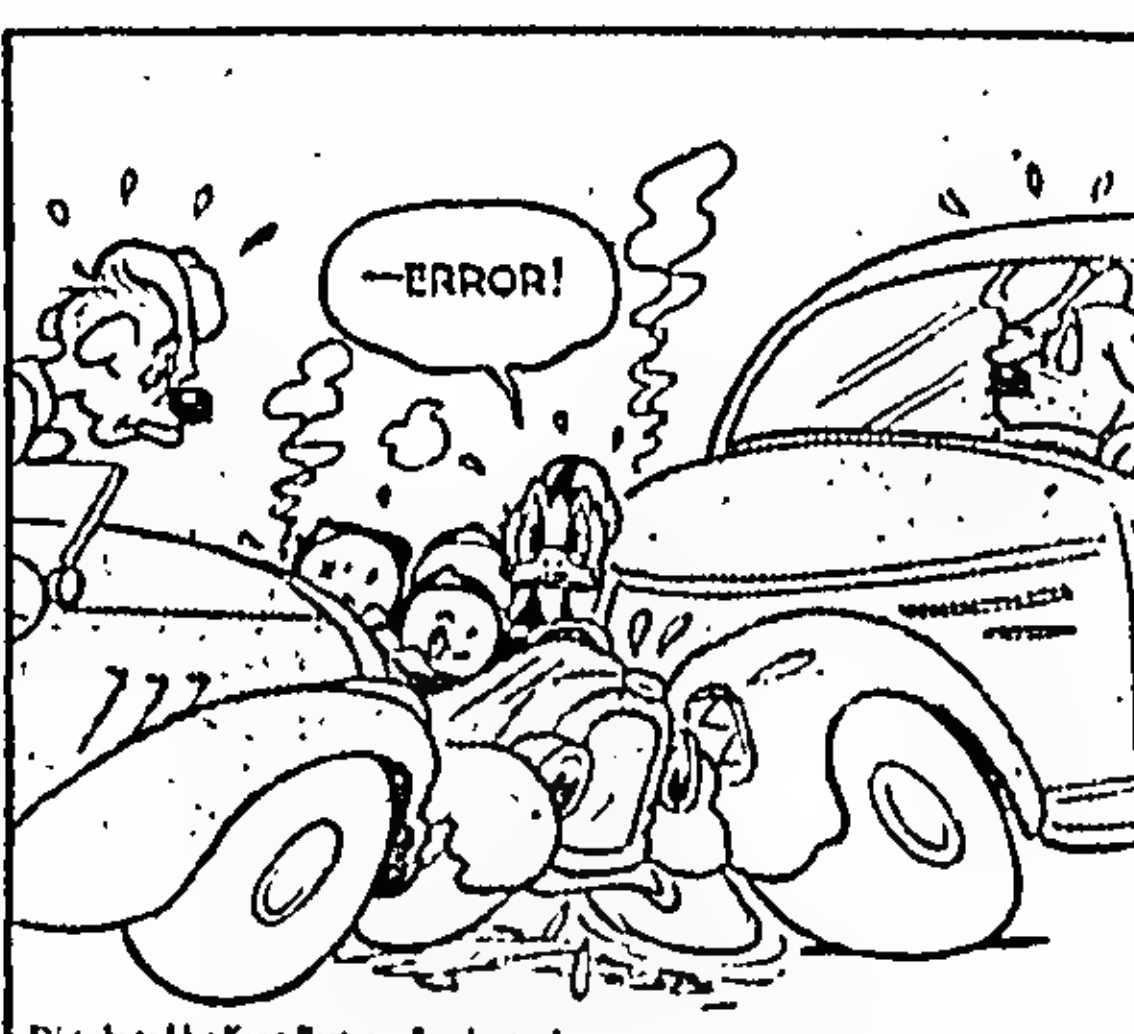
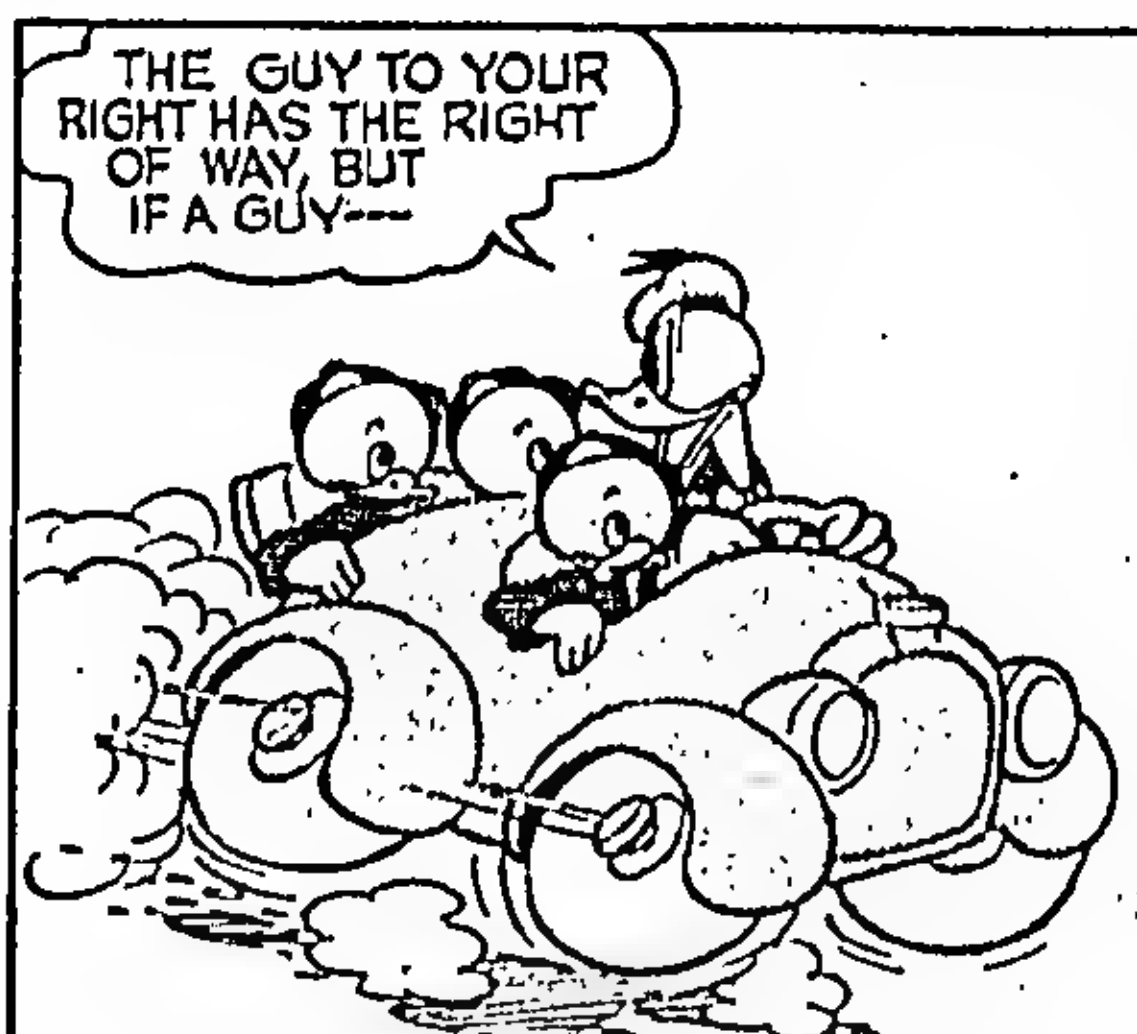
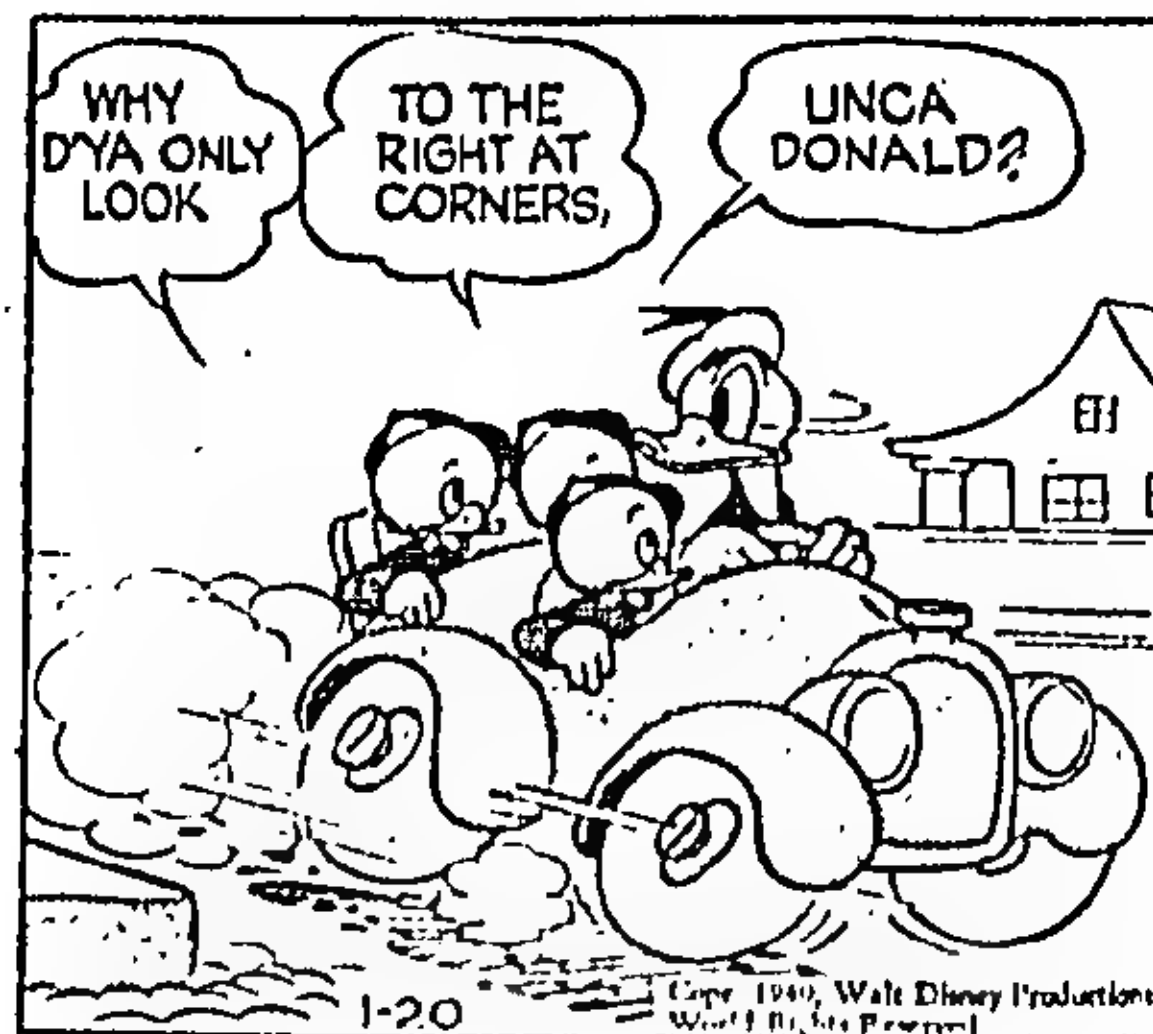
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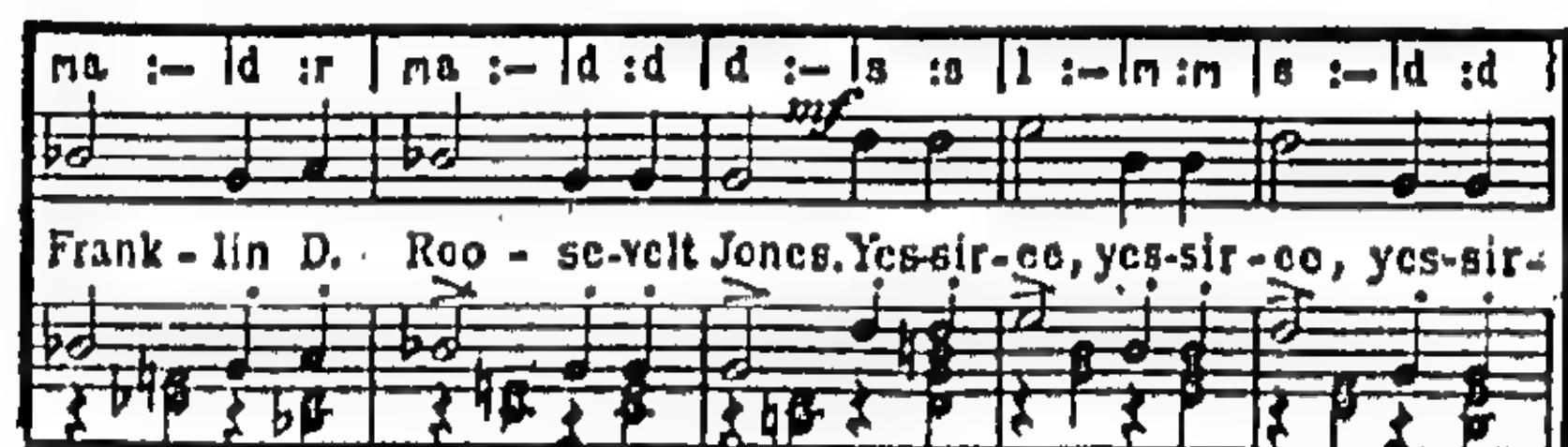
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DOG LED WOMAN TO DEAD MASTER

LONDON.—Walking home in the black-out from work accompanied by his dog, Henry Johnson, aged 56, a woodcutter, of Ropers Cottages, Farningham, near Dartford, was killed by a lorry in London Road, Farningham. The dog ran home, scratching brought Mrs. Johnson to the door, and the dog led her to the scene of the accident a quarter of a mile away.

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TRAINED PILOTS ARE SCARCE

THE Allied High Commands have received details of the much-vaunted Russian Red Air Force, which show it to be a bigger sham than the Red Army.

For her 4,000 mile wide continent Russia has a first-line strength of little more than 4,465 machines.

Compared with the latest products of the chief Western European Powers 65 per cent. of the Red machines are obsolete. There are no new-type machines under production.

The Russian second-line machine strength is about 2,000 planes. Lack of advanced training machines is restricting the output of trained pilots to 2,000 a year, a useless figure for large scale war in Europe.

Split in Two

The Russian Air Command is divided into two sections, one to the west of Lake Balkal, the other to the east. Lake Balkal is practically in the centre of Russia.

The Western Air Command has a total of 3,240 of the most modern machines allotted to it. The Eastern Command, which covers the Mongolian and Manchurian frontiers, has 1,225 first-line machines.

There are two types of Russian warplanes which experts say "compare not unfavourably" with the modern medium-type bombers of other nations. They are called the SB and the TB-26.

The SB is similar to a British Blenheim and has a maximum speed of about 250 m.p.h. A Blenheim will do 285 m.p.h.

The TB-26 has a maximum speed of 245 m.p.h. and a range of 1,600 miles with 3,300lbs. of bombs.

High Morale

The best Russian fighters are the I-16 (SSP), of which the Western

Command has 713 and the Eastern Command 320. These machines are similar to British Gloster Gladiators, which have long been superseded by newer types.

The morale of the pilots is high, they are good fighters. But discipline, as a result of the 1937-8 purges, is low. Every commanding officer of every squadron is watched by a political representative.

Russia has relied on France and America to grant her licences to manufacture their latest warplane designs. These sources of progress are closed to her now.

OBITUARY

Old Portuguese Resident Buried at Happy Valley

The late Miss Sophia Maria Franco, who died at her home, 35 Robinson Road, early on Saturday morning, was interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, in the afternoon. The Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada officiated.

Miss Franco was 76 years of age. She was born in Hongkong and had resided here all her life. She is survived by four sisters and a brother.

Chief mourners at the funeral were Mrs. C. Hingston, Mrs. A. Julian and Mrs. F. Julian (sisters), and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Silva.

Others present included Mrs. A. A. Elias, Miss M. Julian, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. V. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. Santos, Mrs. Peres, Miss A. Deme, Mr. C. H. V. Remedios, Master K. Julian, Master P. Remedios, Miss G. Remedios and Miss T. Santos.

Floral tributes from the family and friends were laid on the grave.

Mr. Hans J. Ibsen

The death occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday of Mr. Hans

CHINESE TANK TRAPS



CHINESE tank barriers, composed of steel rail tracks pulled up from abandoned railways, used to stop the advance of Japanese mechanised units in the snow-covered country near Hangchow.—Domet.

Jergen Ibsen, a Dane, at the age of 54 years. He had resided in the Salomon Home and Son's Institute for some months prior to entering hospital on Friday.

Mr. Ibsen had been on the China Coast for many years, and last served as Second Officer of the Falshan, river steamer. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock, entering the Colonial Cemetery by the Stubbs Road entrance.

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1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

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1.30 R. H. H. and His Press Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Grace Fields in a Variety Programme.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children."

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Sea Shanties.

6.42 Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

7.0 Musical Comedy Selections.

7.30 London Relay—News Summary.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Reginald Foort, Italo da Costa and Arthur Askey in Variety.

8.47 Ketchelby—In A Fairy Realm—Suite.

Albert W. Ketchelby's Concert Orchestra.

9.0 Some Welsh Songs.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 B.B.C. Recording—"London Traffic."

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10.30 Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

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DEATH

ANTONIO.—Mrs. Domitilla (Chin-Chai) Barbara Sequerra Antonio passed away at her residence this morning at 8.30 a.m. at the age of 74. Funeral will pass the Monument to-day at 5.30 p.m. No flowers by request (Shanghai, Macau, Bangkok, Singapore papers please copy).

BIRTH

MILNE.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on 26th February, 1940, to Edith, wife of George Milne, a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

Monday, February 26, 1940.
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Bureaucracy and Taxation

It is only necessary to visit Government Departments in Hongkong, with their really painted nameplates announcing that within sits the chief, the principal assistant, the second assistant the third assistant, the fourth assistant, the deputy assistant, the second deputy assistant, the chief clerk, the assistant chief clerk, the deputy chief clerk, the assistant deputy clerk and a whole plethora of other assistants to realise what will happen in this Colony if the taxation proposals of the War Revenue Committee are adopted.

A new department will be set up. It will require a Board of Inland Revenue consisting of five members, each, presumably, drawing the usual allowances.

It will require a Commissioner who won't be in receipt of much less than \$24,000 per annum. There will be a Deputy Commissioner, whose salary will absorb the taxes derived from a hundred tax-payers. There will be several Assistant Commissioners, each with his own little office and stenographer. There will be a multitude of Examiners, clerks, typists, accountants, assessors. In short, there will be another Department.

The hope may be expressed in some quarters that bureaucracy may make an exception and run the proposed Inland Revenue Department economically. Has any Department ever been run economically in Hongkong? Do the following paragraphs from the proposed "Ordinance to Impose War Taxes and to Regulate the Collection thereof" make it appear likely that the new Department will be any different to the multitudinous Departments already in existence?

"(1) (a)—There shall be a Board of Inland Revenue composed of the Financial Secretary and four other members appointed by the Governor, of whom not more than one shall be an official in the employ of the Government."
"(2)—For the purpose of this Ordinance, the Government may appoint a Commissioner, a Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners and Examiners."

These two paragraphs epitomise the objections to the creation of any addition to the bureaucracy already in existence in Hongkong. We already have too many Heads of Departments, deputy Heads of Department, assistant heads of Departments, second, third and fourth assistants.

The creation of a new Department will require new offices, new and expensive equipment, new staffs and, in spite of the hopes expressed by the War Revenue Committee, new Pension commitments, new people to go on leave every four years.

The war in Europe may end even before the newly-created Department is functioning. But Bureaucracy, once having given birth to

The 'Telegraph' picked this out

Say not the struggle naught availeth,
The labour and the wounds are vain,
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,
And as things have been they remain.
If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;
It may be, in yon smoke concealed,
Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,
And, but for you, possess the field.
For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,
Seem here no painful inch to take,
Far back, through creeks and inlets making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.
And not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light;
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly,
But westward, look, the land is bright!
ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH
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this infant with so brilliant a future, will be loth to abandon it. The predecessor to the present Financial Secretary has already warned that increasingly heavy taxation for ordinary purposes quite apart from the war must be envisaged. Pensions will, far from being slashed, involve the Colony in annually increasing commitments; liberal Home leave arrangements must not be interfered with; old and faithful servants—old, with, in the eyes of the Civil Service that, in the eyes of the public, must be permitted to retire to spend their well-earned Pensions in any part of the world except that in which they earn them, and they must be replaced by new Colonial Office appointees. Expenditure on public health, education and social services generally is, and always has been, below the level of the Empire guardship which we espouse and cannot well be decreased below present inadequate levels.

Is it, then, likely that the Government will accept the Committee's recommendations that the proposed taxes should be for the duration of the war only?

There are other, and for the taxpayer, equally important reasons why the recommendation of the Committee should be opposed by the people of this Colony. On the surface, it would appear that the tax proposals are more equitable than those originally propounded by the Government. But the great and inarticulate Middle Class taxpayer, who would have been the principal victim under the original proposals, has no guarantee that his position is any better under these new proposals.

It will be he who will be the mainstay of the Salaries Tax. He, too, will be the victim of the Property Tax. Property Tax, which the proposed Ordinance charges to the owner of the land or property involved, but the tax itself will be payable in the first instance by the person, whether owner, agent or tenant, who normally pays the assessed rates. The person who usually pays these rates is the tenant. His total rental is computed at no more than actual rent, plus assessment rates. A tenant would have a difficult time proving in a Court of Law that the landlord is not justified in passing on any increased assessments, especially as the proposed Ordinance and the Eviction of Persons Ordinance permit the landlord to add these charges to his rentals.

The man who pays the Salary Tax and the Property Tax will also, indirectly, pay the Corporation Profits Tax. As elsewhere throughout the world, Corporations are business



MICKEY FINLAND AND GIANT STALIN

"In the twinkling of an eye, Mickey threw a loop of thread around the giant's nose."

The B.B.C. love Haw-Haw too



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THE B.B.C. are fans of old Lord Haw-Haw, too. They employ men and women translators and shorthandists, at £300 a year, just to put his words—and his pals—on paper.

The high-ups glance them over: they confer with the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Information, the B.B.C. News Service—then they hit back.

Twice nightly, to Germans skulking under bedclothes or headphone-listening in cellars, they tell the truth. And, because the truth is a change from Dr. Goebbels's Soothing Syrup and Lord Haw-Haw's Elixir, they're gaining a bigger and bigger audience each night.

How do they know? Many times I've asked the B.B.C. that question, and all they do is to close one eye and put on finger to the nose. They know that German listeners to B.B.C. programmes risk imprisonment or, "in extreme cases," death.

THE B.B.C. system is to take a Haw-Haw or a Goebbels story, decontaminate it, and to hurl it back into Germany as a straight statement of fact.

They give the names of German prisoners captured, and add, cheerfully, "We'll give you some more to-morrow."

They play recordings of Hitler's speeches, making him confess himself a liar out of his own mouth. (The bit where he says: "I have no more ter-

concerns administered for the benefit of their shareholders. They are not administered for the benefit of the man-in-the-street and they are not going to be administered for the benefit of the War Revenue Department. If Government mints a Corporation earning \$500,000 net profit of \$50,000, that \$50,000 is going to be passed on, as similar taxes have been passed on in the past. We already have a war-time precedent: the increased Government taxation on petrols and liquors. The Corporation dealing in these commodities have already passed the taxation on to the consumer in the shape of increased prices for petrol, higher charges for taxis, higher prices for liquors.

There is not one paragraph in the voluminous War Revenue Bill to safeguard the man-in-the-street from becoming the only victim of the Committee's proposals.

The wage-earner is to be the Dum-dum. And Dum-dum's pocket must be raped because he, too, knows that this Colony must make a substantial monetary contribution to the Empire's war effort. He is impatient to suggest that Empire, and especially this small part of Empire in which he lives, would best be served by the functioning of Government on the basis of the most economical basis commensurate with efficiency.

The Empire fights for Democracy, and we are told that we must make heavy sacrifices to safeguard Democracy. But that very Democracy is denied us in Hongkong.

ritorial claims in Europe" is a best-seller).

They attack Ribbentrop—"This man who attacked Mr. Chamberlain is himself one of the greatest turncoats in history—the man who, having created the Anti-Comintern Pact, went to Moscow begging for help."

They out-heckle Haw-Haw. "YOU! — REICHSMINISTER DR. GOEBBELS!" they say, and then give him socks.

They plaster the Ark Royal with withering sarcasm. "In a message to Rome," they say, "you asserted that she had been sunk near the Isle of May. In an Arabic broadcast you asserted she was sunk in the North Sea. In a Spanish broadcast you declared she had been destroyed by fire."

WHO are the men who nightly hit back at Lord Haw-Haw? I am asked to give no names, no clues. The B.B.C. screen their identities—scared not so much for their safety, but for the safety of their relatives in Europe.

How do they compare with Lord Haw-Haw? They do not sneer, nor jibe, nor lie—neither have they his capacity for being unintentionally funny. But they can register anger, heat, sarcasm, honest indignation to order. They can spit out the word "Hitler" as bitterly as you or I.

Though they occupy humble positions in the B.B.C. hierarchy, though they earn only about £10 a week, they know the importance of the job in hand, and do it well.

This is the B.B.C., calling Germany:—

"The frayed nerves of the German propaganda authorities are evidenced by the contradictions in their claim to have sunk the Ark Royal."

"The German Press does not dare let the German people know what Mr. Chamberlain

said in his speech. The German Press has not published a single long quotation.

"The German High Command are desperate at the thought of being forced to carry out a mass attack in the west. They know that a direct attack on the Maginot Line would involve a tremendous loss of life... yet that is the situation that may be forced upon them."

"The emphatic rejection of the Nazis and their ideology by the whole Arab world has so impressed the Germans that they have now abandoned their propaganda efforts to picture the Arabs as struggling slaves."

B.B.C. calling Germany.

"Women are demonstrating in the streets of Vienna..."

"One hundred thousand Germans, evacuated from Baltic countries, must liquidate their businesses and leave their possessions behind..."

"The sales of 'Mein Kampf' are being soft-pedalled in Prague..."

"There is a panic among the German population of Hungary, who used to hold Nazi sympathies, but are now throwing out the Nazi agents..."

"The Admiral Scheer, probably flying a false flag, is being hunted by the British Navy..."

"Listen, Herr von Ribbentrop—you, Dr. Goebbels..."

If there's any criticism of the B.B.C. propaganda service, it is that it counter-attacks rather than attacks. It avoids sensationalism—and sensationalism is a quality that speech-sodden German listeners have been taught to appreciate.

And at the moment it lacks one-man control.

There's a job at Broadcasting House for a master-mind—a propagandist and a showman.

HITLER DID NOT CONVINCE

British Press Reaction To Violent Speech

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—The Sunday newspapers here welcomed the "astonishing contrast" between Hitler's and Mr. Chamberlain's speeches on the eve of Mr. Sumner Welles' arrival in Europe.

The "Sunday Express" broadly hints that Mr. Chamberlain's frank statement on British war aims will be principally intended to provide Mr. Welles with a basis for discussion with Mussolini and Hitler.

The general verdict is that Hitler's speech is "old stuff," pitifully inadequate in comparison with Mr. Chamberlain's calm and explicit survey of the Allied hopes for a constructive peace.

Pertinent Question

Seizing on two significant points in Mr. Chamberlain's speech—firstly, his having definitely laid down for the first time the assertion that the Allies do not expect to make peace alone but are prepared to set about reshaping the world in association with other nations; secondly, his no longer specifically excluding Hitler as a man with whom peace could not be made—the "Sunday Express" asks: "Did Chamberlain lay down his peace purposes so clearly in order to provide Mr. Welles with a basis for his discussions with Hitler and Mussolini?"

"Upon the answer to this question and upon the discussions just about to open the future of the world depends," the paper declares.

The Old, Old Story

The "Sunday Chronicle," referring to Hitler's speech, said, "It proved to be the old, old story. The Premier, in his stirring survey of British war aims, has already answered everything the Fuehrer had to say. 'Nobody who heard his words can doubt the sincerity of Britain's aims and Britain's determination to achieve them with the help of God and our Allies.'"

The "Sunday Dispatch" said: "The constructive leadership of Chamberlain and Hitler's futile vituperation were that 'Chamberlain spoke proudly of a proud race, and his words will echo and re-echo in many other countries to-day.'"

Not Convincing

The "Sunday Times" said Hitler's speech was not convincing. "Germany's war aims for liberty and Lebensraum were enumerated in a voice of sombre depression," the paper said. "He gave the impression of a man who feels himself deeply wronged and surrounded by the vilest enemies—a victim of their persecution. It was not the speech of a man who is quietly confident. It seemed as if by shouting hard he wanted to convince himself and his hearers."

Plane Crashes At Croydon

Mystery Aircraft Sets Fire To Buildings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—A sensational plane crash to-day resulted in the death of the pilot, set fire to three houses and transformed a suburban street into a sea of blazing petrol.

It has not been divulged whether the plane was a civil or military unit. It crashed within a few moments of hopping off from Croydon airport last night.

It struck the roof of one house, which immediately became ablaze. A family of four living in the house have been sent to hospital with serious injuries.

The plane was reduced to a mass of twisted metal. It is not known whether there were any passengers or crew other than the pilot aboard.

FINNS ADMIT NEW WITHDRAWAL

FROM PAGE ONE

The Kolivisto fortress, the Finns still state that the fortifications are in their hands.

To-day's Finnish communiqué states that Saturday was marked by local Russian attacks in which they suffered heavy losses.

Finnish artillery showed increased activity, and dispersed several detachments as well as destroyed over 17 tanks.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the Finns repulsed the enemy and captured 27 machine-guns, 21 Lewis guns and destroyed two tanks.

In the direction of Petsamo, a Finnish patrol of 100 men repulsed a detachment of 180 on skis.

Soviet Pilots Captured

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Finns claim that they have taken two Russian airmen as prisoners. These airmen were involved in the Soviet bombing of the Swedish town of Pajala, they claim. The plane was forced down in Finnish territory on the way home.

The captive airmen state that their squadron set out from Murmansk to bomb Finnish headquarters at Rovaniemi but did not reach their objective.

The town of Pajala is some way off the direct route from Murmansk to Rovaniemi.

DEATH OF LORD BAYFORD

Served In Baldwin's 1922-4 Cabinet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WINCHESTER, SOMERSET, Feb. 25 (UP).—The death occurred yesterday of Lord Bayford, aged 72 years.

Lord Bayford was Minister of Agriculture in the Baldwin Cabinet from 1922 to 1924.

His death occurred at his home, Bayford Lodge.

FINNS EVACUATE TO COPENHAGEN

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—One hundred Finnish children and some mothers will leave here for Copenhagen on March 6. They are the first batch of evacuees which Denmark, like the other Scandinavian countries, is to receive.

At the same time a second contingent of 300 Danish metal workers left Copenhagen for Helsingfors yesterday.

This is part of a big plan to help Finland in which the trade unions in Norway, Sweden and Denmark are sending skilled workers to keep Finnish industries going while the Finnish workers are fighting at the front.

3-POWER TALKS

Denmark, Norway, And Sweden In Conference

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A conference of the Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Norway and Sweden opened this afternoon.

After a luncheon together, the Ministers were joined by King Christian, after which the full conference of Ministers and advisers began in the Christiansborg Palace.

Dr. Munch, the Danish Foreign Minister, who presided, before going into the conference said that no hard and fast agenda had been prepared, but only a very general one.

Both M. Gunther (Swedish Foreign Minister) and M. Kihle (Norwegian Foreign Minister) have planned to return to their capitals to-night.

Official Communique

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A communique issued at the close of the Three-Power Conference states that the position in connection with the Russian-Finnish conflict was discussed.

The Ministers have emphasised the most serious and profound desire of all northern peoples that the conflict may at an early date be brought to a peaceful solution which will preserve the full independence of Finland.

They have ascertained their unanimity in respect of neutrality. They reject all assertions that pressure is exercised by one side or the other, and they intend to continue their policy impartially and independently in their relations to all states.

The communique says that the Ministers have agreed to maintain the inviolability of neutral territory. They have also agreed to raise serious objections and endeavour to avert violation of the principles of international law in the conduct of naval warfare which inflicts considerable losses of human life and economic values on neutrals when they maintain their shipping in order to keep up their legitimate and necessary trade.

To Support Each Other
They have also agreed to support each other on these questions.

The Ministers were united in the conviction that unless war ends before violent and long-drawn fighting has brought greater disasters than at present, it will create such profound bitterness that the opening of a road to an enduring solution will be rendered still more difficult.

They will, therefore, gladly welcome any endeavour to initiate negotiations between the belligerents with a view to a just and permanent peace.

IS REICH MEDIATING IN FINNISH WAR?

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of the conflict by putting pressure to bear on the Scandinavian countries in order to prevent the transit of volunteers to Finland.

The newspaper states that the Scandinavian countries have been warned that unless they comply with Germany's "friendly suggestions," force will be utilised against them.

Hitler "Guarantee"

At the same time, Hitler is prepared to give a guarantee that their neutrality will not be violated by either Germany or Russia if they stay out of the Russo-Finnish conflict.

Despite this assurance, Hitler is reported by the "Sunday Dispatch" correspondent to have warned that the Scandinavian bloc that unless they remain neutral, they will be forced to counter the British blockade by smashing Scandinavian trade and preventing Scandinavian ships from calling at any British or French ports.

In order to achieve this aim, Germany will declare the entire North Sea a blockade area, in which all neutral ships will be sunk without warning.

In return for a benevolent neutrality, Germany, states the "Sunday Dispatch," has offered to purchase the entire exports of the Scandinavian countries in order to compensate them for losses consequent upon Nazi sea warfare.

MAX MALINI IN TOWN

Among the arrivals from Manila last Saturday was Max Malini, the famous magician.

Malini, who has been visiting Hongkong for over 20 years was here with his son last October. He gave several performances here before leaving for Manila.

Civil Defence Demonstration

South Of England's Preparedness

LONDON, Feb. 25 (British Wire- less).—The biggest civil defence exercise ever held in Britain was staged in the South of England to-day. Twelve thousand A.R.P. and A.F.S. personnel took part in the exercise in two towns which were presumed to have been raided by enemy bombers.

Sir John Anderson, Minister for Home Security, and the Regional Commissioner for Civil Defence, together with many technical experts, carried out tests lasting the whole day.

Reinforcements Brought In

For the first time in such exercise, the practice of bringing in reinforcements from outside areas to assist the areas badly damaged in raids was carried out.

Fire Brigade and First Aid parties hurried into the south from places as far west as Poole and as far north as Andover to co-operate with the local service.

Sir John Anderson, commenting on this side of the exercise, said it was an essential part of A.R.P. organisation, and the quickness and thoroughness with which outside areas had responded showed the value of the scheme. Sir John saw several incidents arranged to test the various services. One was the rescue of casualties from a burning building on to which an aeroplane had fallen. A dummy plane, with Swedish markings, was used, and soldiers acted as casualties. Ambulance units which took part in the exercise, took over 100 casualties to another town where they were put on to a hospital train.

Britain Puts On Clocks

"Summer-Time" Starts Again At Home

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Great Britain officially returned to summer time this morning when the clocks were advanced one hour at 2 a.m., Greenwich Mean Time.

Early Sunday morning church-goers dressed by electric light—the blackout ending at 7.28 a.m., compared with 6.32 a.m., yesterday.

Evening Walks In Daylight
However, Sunday evening strollers promenade the streets in broad daylight to-day, and started supper before they performed the daily ritual with their boards and blackout ceremony.

The blackout to-night started at 7 p.m., instead of 5.58 p.m., as on Saturday.

Bermuda Cold Shouldered

Pan-American Airways To Divert Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Pan-American Airways to-day announced that they will omit Bermuda from their Trans-Atlantic flights after March 15 since the United States Government has decided to establish two vessels in mid-Atlantic for weather reporting, thus making it possible for the Clippers to make the long hop.

The announcement did not mention the seizures of United States mail at Bermuda.

Officials here state that they knew nothing of Pan-American's decision, and indicated that it has been made on the Company's own initiative. It will be recalled that Mr. Cordell Hull last week threatened to force Pan-American Airways to quit Bermuda.

Trade Pact To Be Signed

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—It is learned here that the trade agreement between Great Britain and Norway was initiated on February 22 and will be signed in London this week.

Details of the agreement are not yet made public, but it is understood that one primary aim is to facilitate Norway's shipping communications with other countries.

It is probable that both Denmark and Sweden will shortly conclude a similar agreement.

THEY ARE EATING FLOWERS

LONDON, Jan. 12.
In a radio account of his visit there recently, Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd, who is on his way to the South Sea Islands, described the condition of the Pitcairn Islanders in the South Pacific.

Since the war has isolated them from their normal sources of supply, the 200 descendants of the Bounty mutineers, he says, are reduced to the bare necessities.

He reported that a substitute for flour was being made of ground coconut meal, maize, wild beans, arrowroot and flower petals. Toasted coconut shreds were served for coffee, and they smoked dried grass.

CANADIAN AIR FORCE ACROSS

Arrival Of First Squadron

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The first squadron of the Canadian Air Force has arrived in England. The squadron landed at a north-western port and without leaving harbour left by special train for an R.A.F. station in the south of England.

Captain H. H. Balfour, Under Secretary for Air, welcomed them on behalf of the Air Minister.

Canadians' "High Trust"

He made a short speech on the quayside after the men had landed. He said that the Canadians were heirs of a great tradition of predecessors. "We know this high trust will be safe in your hands," he concluded.

Lord Derby also spoke, wishing the men a happy time. "I wish the Boche something I know he will get, and that is a hell of a time," he said.

Nazi Pilot's Audacity

Fires On Dutch Plane While Over Holland

THE HAGUE, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the Government is to lodge a strong protest to Berlin against the presence of two German planes over Dutch territory to-day.

One of the German planes was engaged by a Dutch pursuit plane and shots were exchanged. In this encounter, the Dutch plane was hit once in the nose and twice in the tail.

"In view of the fact that the German plane not only violated Dutch territory but also had the temerity to open fire on the Dutch machine which was acting in lawful execution of its duty, the Dutch Government will lodge a strong protest to Berlin," it is stated.

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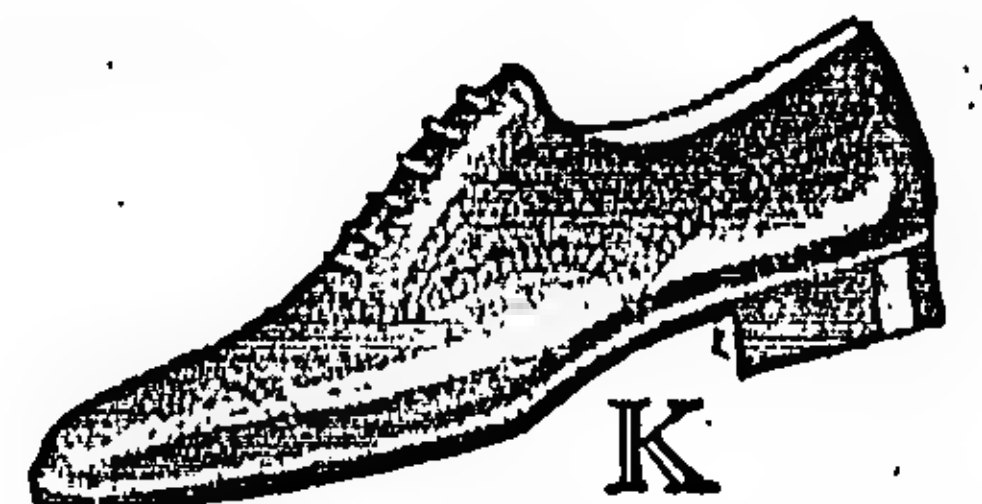
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Russian Break Through Will Not Weaken Finns

By WEBB MILLER

(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The Russians' capture of advance positions on the Mannerheim Line constitutes the Finns' most serious reverse since the commencement of the war, but in my judgment based on two months with the Finnish army and many visits to the Karelian isthmus front, this does not foreshadow a collapse of Finnish resistance or Finnish debacle.

So long as both ends of the Mannerheim Line remain firmly anchored by big gun batteries at Kolivisto at the right end and by Lake Ladoga batteries near Taipale at the left, Red troops cannot exploit their possession of forward Mannerheim positions.

These heavy guns still are able to hurl serious crossfire into Soviet positions. Moreover, on the larger part of the 60-mile Mannerheim front, the Finns still maintained their original positions which have been punctured only on comparatively narrow sectors.

From my personal observation, I can testify that for two months the Finns have been preparing for this eventually. To paraphrase Marshal Foch, the Finns have been getting ready to fight in front of the Mannerheim Line, on the Mannerheim Line and behind the Mannerheim Line.

At one point alone in the course of a few miles, I counted eight auxiliary lines of tank barriers behind the Mannerheim's front. Even far behind Vilpuri (Vilborg) many additional lines were prepared during the last few weeks. Even if the Mannerheim Line on the isthmus is eventually completely breached, the Finns still have plenty of positions in which to continue the struggle.

Longer Frontage

Aside from the possible effects on army morale, the most serious feature of a Russian smash through the Mannerheim Line would be that the Finns' frontage would immediately be greatly increased.

The point where the Russians are at present hammering is the most

favourable anywhere on the whole front for utilisation of the Soviets huge mechanical superiority because of the open non-forested spaces there. It is also the most favourable point for Russian transports because it is closest to Leningrad and has two railway lines and a number of roads.

300,000 Shells A Day

Russian artillerying sometimes approached the proportions of the world war battle at Somme where the British used sometimes 300,000 shells a day. The Finns assert the Russians fired as many shells one day at Summa.

The question is how long the Soviets will be able to prolong the second battle of Mannerheim Line. Normally, after 1,000 rounds six-inch guns must be reloaded. Such expenditure of shells would connote the necessity of removing hundreds of Russian guns for reloading.

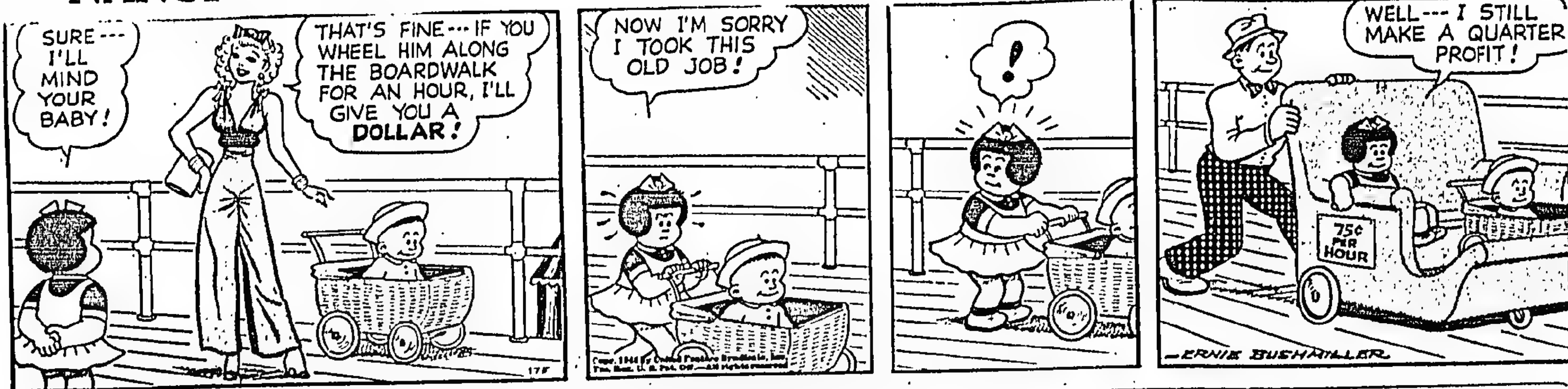
My judgment is that the Russians in the present battle cannot drive through the Mannerheim Line sufficiently to render the whole system of isthmus defences untenable. That would require other greater offensives.

Foreign Aid

In the meantime, substantial foreign aid in airplanes, heavy guns and ammunition will commence. In a short time the Russians will find their hitherto almost unhindered transport and concentrations in the back areas under Finnish air attack. Also heavy guns from abroad will enable the Finns to reach many miles more behind Russian lines and cut up attacks while forming.

The Russians seemed embarked upon a war of attrition on Finnish man power by utilizing their vast reservoir of men. If the Finns eventually are overwhelmed, this will undoubtedly be the reason.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

World's Press Speaks

The Nazis' Weaknesses Exposed

Another Failure By Ribbentrop
LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuters).—The Swiss paper, "Tribune," says: "The arrival of the Anzacs in a striking reply to the activities of German agents who have vainly sought to raise the peoples of the Near and Middle East against 'perfidious Albion', and another example of the miscalculation of Ribbentrop and his associates concerning the disintegration of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

The Budapest paper, "Nemzeti Ujsag," in an article entitled "British Imperial Constructive Work in Arabia," shows the systematic work of the last 20 years in building a network of bases on the fringes of Arabia, facilitating the work of the Weingard army.

Already Communist

The American paper, "Memphis Commercial Appeal," says: "Don't worry about Germany swinging from Nazism to Communism. It has already occurred."

The "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" says: "A report is current in economic circles that the only Russian oil Germany has obtained since the war began is in reality not from the wells of pre-war Russia but from Russian-occupied Poland, the annual production of which has been only 450,000 tons."

A "New York Times" article by Anne O'Hara McCormick quotes a Hungarian statesman who made the remark that a pilgrim in southeastern Europe has heard it repeated in every capital he visited that "east of Germany the feeling is stronger than in the west that Germany has already lost the war."

It is strange, says the article, that the nations most terrified by the powers of the Reich are the least impressed by the idea of Germany's invincibility.

NO STATE OF EMERGENCY

Turkish Mobilisation Reports Denied

ISTANBUL, Feb. 25 (Reuters).—Reports that Turkey has declared a state of emergency are absolutely without foundation.

The country is perfectly calm and there is no evidence that any abnormal situation exists.

The reports may have originated as a result of confusion with the enforcement of the economic emergency law, which has no military significance, but was simply designed to adapt national economy to defence requirements.



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H.K. Stock Market

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H.K. Bank (Lon. Reg.)	4 1/2
H.K. Bank (H.K. Reg.)	X.D. 80 n.
H.K. Bank (H.K. Reg.)	X.D. 80 n.
Chartered	225 b.
Mercantile, A. & B.	31 n.
Mercantile, C.	12 1/2 n.
East Asia	78 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	225 b.
Union	480 b.
China Underwriter	1 s.
H.K. Fire	180 b.

SHIPPING	
Douglases	100 b.
Steamships	10 1/2 n.
Indo-China S.S.	100 n.
Indo-China S.S.	80 n.
Shell (Steamers) s/-	78 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	102 b.
Docks	23 1/2 b.
Providents	6.05 s.
Sh. Docks Sh.	42 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-	19 1/2
Raubas	10 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3 1/2 cts. n.

LANDS	
Hotels	5.80 n.
Lands	39 b. & s.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	18 1/2 n.
Humphreys	7 1/2 b.
H.K. Realities	4.00 b.
Chinese Estates	101 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	18 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	65 b.
Y. Ferries	20 1/2 b.
China Lights (old)	8.40 b.
China Lights (new)	5.10 b.
H.K. Electric	70 s.
Macao Electric	21 1/2 b.
Sandakan Light	11 1/4 b.
Telephones (old)	31 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	11 1/4 n.
Tractions s/-	19/9 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	19/9 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	14.80 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	12 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement	10 1/2 b.
H.K. Hopes	10.00 n.

STORES, ETC.	
Dairy Farms (old)	23 1/2 b.
Dairy Farms (new)	22 1/2 b.
Watsons	9.60 n.
Lane, Crawford & Co.	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	30 1/2 n.
Shi Cotton	170 n.
Zoong Sing	44 n.
Wing On Textiles	48 1/2 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	7 1/2 b.
Constructions (old)	1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	50 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 1/2
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	85 1/2
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	14/0 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/0 n.

STEAMER SINKS In Yangtze

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Feb. 25 (UP).—The 125-ton river steamer Ming-wang, belonging to the Mingsong Steamer Company, struck a rock and sank at 10 a.m. on February 23 in deep water in the Yangtze rapids about ten miles south of Suifu in Szechwan.

The steamer was carrying a full complement of passengers and was travelling down river.

The exact number of casualties is not known, although the number believed drowned is believed to be high since the steamer had no accommodation for 300 and only a few are reported to be saved.

The report said poor visibility was responsible for the disaster.

Big Wedge	20 1/2	s
Coco	13 1/2	n
Con. Mines	0.025	n
Demonstration	12	b
East. Mindanao	10 1/2	a
I.X.L.	36 1/2	a
Ipo. Gold	10 1/2	a
Lozon Min.	27 1/2	a
Mambulo Con.	0.13	b
Manila Con.	10 1/2	b
Mind. Motherlode	10	b
Mine Operation	10 1/2	b
North Camarines	20 1/2	b
Percutene Gumaus	21	b
San Mateo	0.13	a
Sureka Con.	13 1/2	a
Sureka Con.	13 1/2	a
Synthetic Inv.	0.24	b
United Parale	0.52	b
Zenguet Con.	0.52	b

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	1/2 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/2
T.T. Saigon	130 1/2
T.T. France	105 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11 1/2
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.95 1/2

Hitler May Be Using Gas Mine

THE possibility that Hitler is using a new gas mine is raised by a story told by Alfred Faste, second mate of the Norwegian steamer Biarritz, mined and sunk off the Dutch coast recently.

Made To Dig Graves

Faste who has now arrived home in Oslo from Amsterdam, says (reports Exchange) that after the explosion a strong and nauseous smell of gas was noticed all over the ship. It was sweet and sickly.

It clung to their clothing and when the crew were taken aboard the steamer Borgholm the men in that vessel began to vomit, although it was then a considerable time after the explosion.

Faste said he thought it quite probable that the Biarritz had been the victim of a new gas mine. The effect on the crew was that they became enervated and were incapable of doing very much.

Inefficient Method

The Admiralty are unable to comment on the report.

While technical experts agree that gas in highly compressed form might be used in a mine at sea the efficiency of such a barbarous method of attack is open to criticism.

If a gas mine exploded on the leeward side of a vessel in the windy weather usually associated with the North Sea the gas would be carried harmlessly away.

Its effect on the crew would be entirely dependent upon the vagaries of the weather and the damage inflicted would be problematical.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1890.
The Federation Conference, held at Melbourne, has unanimously adopted a motion for the union of all the Australian Colonies under one Government.

Such an imposing display of men-of-war as that to be seen in the harbour and adjacent waters yesterday has rarely occurred. There were no less than eleven British ships, containing 2,000 men besides the eight splendid vessels of the Pelagius squadron—four of which left during the day—in Kowloon Bay.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 25, 1915.
The bombardment of Heligoland resumed yesterday being very violent. It lasted eleven hours and 1,500 shells were thrown over the town. The interior vaulted roof of the Cathedral was wrecked. 20 houses were set alight and 20 civilians killed.

The Official Press Bureau announces that, owing to jealousy arising out of recent promotions, a position of chief of the infantile line (6th Bengal) at Singapore, refused to obey orders, and caused a serious riot, which had to be quelled by the local Forces, assisted by the British and Allied ships.

The casualties were 6 officers, 14 British soldiers and 14 civilians killed, and 9 British soldiers wounded. Some of the rioters were killed. A large number of surrendered and others were captured.

A Tokyo telegram states that Japanese and French warships assisted to quell the riot and that some Japanese were wounded.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1930.
Serious disturbances have occurred at several performances at the Grand Theatre during the week-end, arising from Chinese objections to certain features of Harold Lloyd's first all-talking picture "Welcome Danger".

At one time, there was a danger of very serious rioting, and the police were obliged to use force to keep the peace. The Chinese were very roughly handled by an angry crowd.

Twice the police had to be called in before the trouble was quelled.

The show started on Friday and there was no comment or protest raised, but a sensation was caused during a matinee on Saturday when a well-known Chinese pianist, who was one of the audience, arose in the middle of the film and harangued the crowd.

It is understood he did "blatant" to incite the crowd, and though full details of his tirade could not be obtained, the burden of his complaint was that the Harold Lloyd film was "in bad taste" and that the Chinese in the Chinese towns of California cities, including the Chinese partially for opium and indulgence in long wars.

Following recent action taken against salesmen employed by the Sincere Company for "trading" in sweep-tickets, the police, during a search, seized the Chinese nation, inasmuch as it depicted phases of life in the Chinese towns of Californian cities, including the Chinese partially for opium and indulgence in long wars.

The action has given rise to the supposition that a definite policy is being pursued by the police authorities in the matter of these sweep-tickets.

The policy, stated a police official today in referring to the large number of new sweeps, representing a marked increase over previous years, that have this year come into existence.

It is learned that the counterfeits seized by the police in the two raids are being retained by the authorities while the matter is carefully gone into.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1935.
Sabotage is said to be responsible for the loss of the giant United States dirigible, which plunged down during manoeuvres off the California coast, taking two men to their deaths.

Italian transports, loaded with fighting men, army labourers and provisions of war, are on their way across the Mediterranean, bound for the African coast. They will take up positions on the frontiers of Eritrea or Italian Somaliland to be prepared for any emergency which may arise from the strained relations between Italy and Abyssinia.

The most famous and popular of all English cricketers, Jack Hobbs, is retiring from first class cricket.

Following the rise in London silver prices, the Hongkong dollar depreciated a further farthing on opening this morning, the rate being 10.3/4d. Inter-bank business early on was about 10.13/10d.

Defiance of Germany expressed by one state, and a vigorous protest against the treatment of foreign nations on German soil coming from another power, are the two latest elements to disturb the political peace in Central Europe.

In London, Baron von Bergr Waldegg, Austria's Foreign Minister, expressed defiance of the Nazi regime and resentment at the pretension that Germany was the master mind behind Austria's destiny.

In Berlin, a sharp note has been received from the Soviet, protesting against the treatment of a Soviet subject.

The Quins are going home to mother

NEW YORK.

CANADA'S famed Dionne Quins are leaving their clinic at Calander (Ontario) soon to go home and live with their less famous seven brothers and sisters.

White-haired Dr. Allan Roy Dufoe, the little country physician who brought them into the world, is resigning from his position as chief guardian, and in future they will be brought up by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olive Dionne.

Next summer they will move from the hospital which was built for them from public funds to a new house that is to be built for the whole family.

Dr. Dufoe said: "I've been trying to get out of this for the last two years. It's no joke looking after the children and the finances too. But I shall continue as their physician. I love them too much to leave them altogether."

Quarrel Settled

Dr. Dufoe's decision is a settlement of a long-standing quarrel between him and the Quins' parents, Mr. Dionne, who was allowed to see his children only at set intervals, has begun several lawsuits. He agreed to drop these if Dr. Dufoe resigned the children's guardianship.

The suits included one calling for an accounting of revenue from advertisements in which the Quins featured. Another accused Dr. Dufoe of libelling Mr. Dionne during his appearance at his hilarious initiation into New York's Saints and Sinners Club.

Dr. Dufoe, in submitting his resignation to the Ontario Premier, Mr. Mitchell Hepburn, will urge that the Dionnes be given full charge of the physical, intellectual, moral and religious education of the Quins.

Mr. Hepburn has indicated that he will accept Dr. Dufoe's resignation as guardian, but he will insist that Dr. Dufoe remains their personal physician.

The Quins, who are wards of the King, will be six years old in May. Each weighs just under 4 stone, and is 3ft. 7ins. in height.

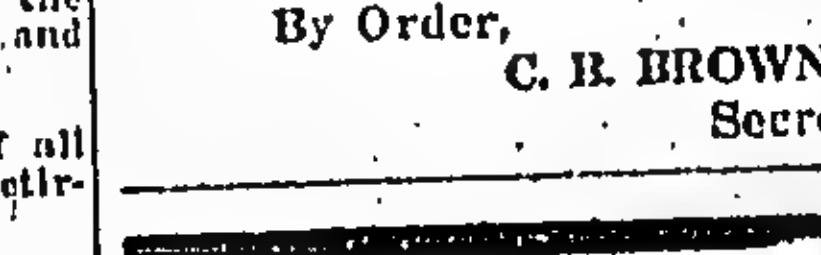
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 31st March, 1940. (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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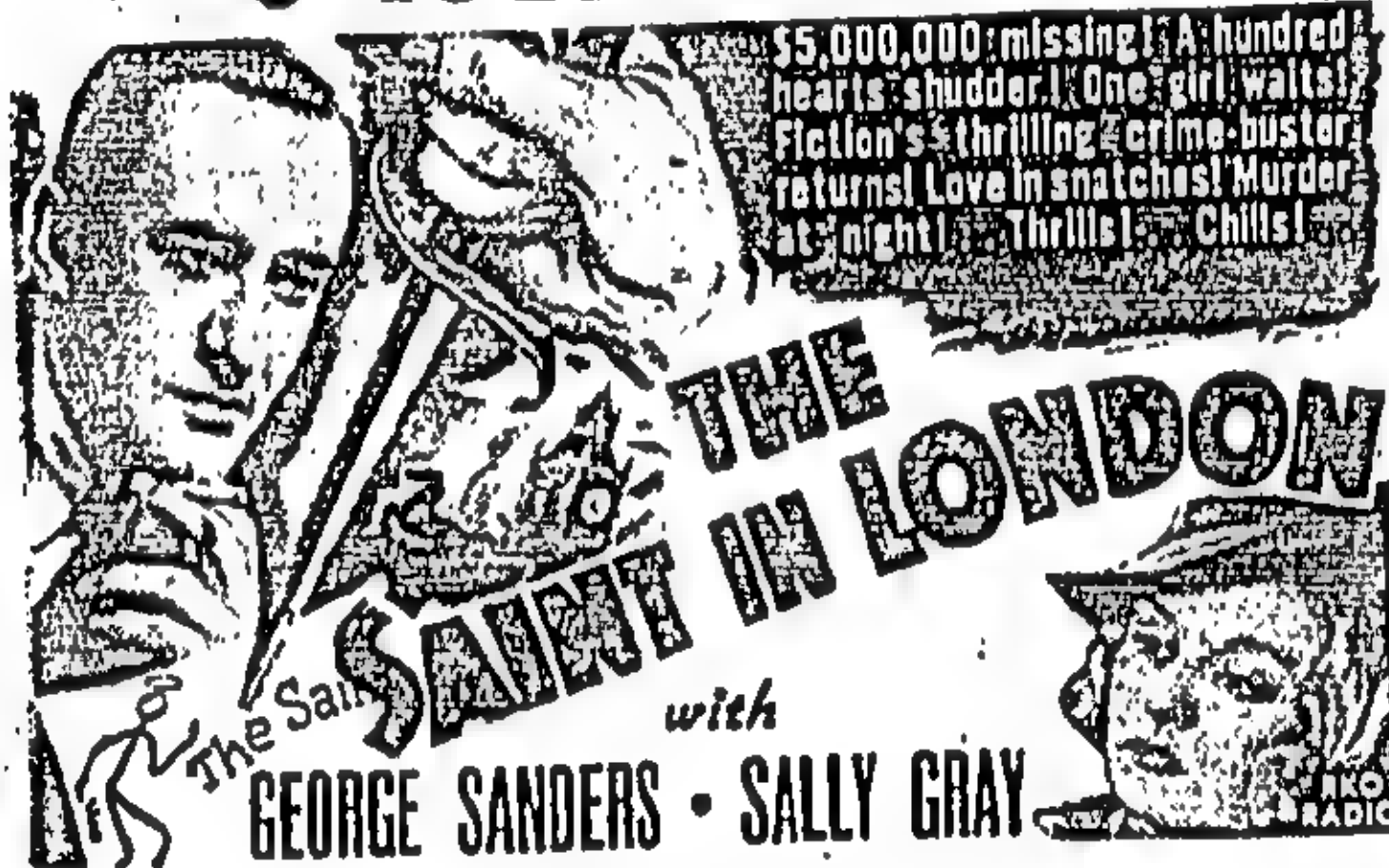
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Gallup Survey

BRITAIN IS NOT ALARMED AT THE RUSSIAN BOGEY

EVER since Ribbentrop signed the Russo-German non-aggression pact in August, German propaganda has been trying to frighten the Allies and neutrals with the Russian bogey.

That the British people are not alarmed by German rattling of the Russian sabre is shown by the results of the latest Gallup Survey taken by the British Institute of Public Opinion.

A representative sample of adult Britons all over the country was asked this question:

"Do you think that Russia intends to give Germany such help as will enable Germany to defeat Britain and France?"

The Institute's corps of trained interviewers found that opinion was:

Yes 14 per cent.
No 68 per cent.
Do not know 18 per cent.

Government and Opposition supporters, groups which normally show considerable difference of opinion on Russian questions, are almost identically divided in their views on Russia's desire to see Germany win. The Institute's analysis of the replies to the question shows unusual similarity of view among all the opinion groups, percentage differences between the figures of the various groups and the total being mostly trivial.

U.S. Vote On Peace Terms

Washington. The sound saying that what New York and Washington think is not always what America thinks is illustrated in a striking way by a survey

which the Gallup Institute has just made on the question: "If England and France defeat Germany should the peace treaty be more severe on Germany or less severe than the treaty at the end of the last war?"

Ever since war began some of the most authoritative politicians and business men in New York and Washington have been saying the peace must be less severe this time and must give Germany an opportunity of paying her way in the world.

This view has been accepted as the American view. But the new Gallup survey shows that it is not—yet.

Fifty-four per cent. were in favour of a more severe peace treaty, 30 per cent. a less severe treaty and six per cent. think the treaty should be "about the same" as it was last time.

The most common reason, given by the 54 per cent. is: "Germany must be kept under control" or "taught a lesson" and "prevented from fighting again."

Britain-Japan

Settlement Of Tientsin Silver Issue

London, Feb. 25. A special commentary issued by the Foreign Office declares there is no truth in the recent *Dominion* report from London, published in the *Far East* to the effect that "it is reliably understood" that Lord Halifax indicated to the Japanese Ambassador on February 20 that the British Government regard the silver question as virtually settled, and intimated that General Chiang Kai-shek has assented to a plan for the transferring of the silver to a neutral bank.

The same report attributes to Lord Halifax the further statement that Britain is prepared to alleviate the restrictions on exports to Japan of such commodities as Australian wool and other Empire products so long as the British war aims are not hampered and other neutrals are not enabled to demand similar treatment. The Foreign Office states that this also is entirely untrue.—*Reuter*.

£40,000 Airboat Flies Again

Village Built To Free 'Plane

AFTER TRYING FOR NEARLY TEN MONTHS, THE IMPERIAL AIRWAYS FLYING-BOAT CORSAIR, WHICH MADE A FORCED LANDING ON A RIVER IN THE BELGIAN CONGO, IS NOW IN THE AIR AGAIN AND ON HER WAY HOME TO ENGLAND.

But before men could get her off, they had to:

Build a village:

Hack a road through 2,000 yards of bush;
Construct two dams; and
Blast rocks from the river bed.

Last March Corsair, homeward bound from Durban to Southampton, got off her course and had to alight on the River Dangu, 150 miles south-west of Juba. She was badly holed, but there were no casualties and all mail, freight, and baggage were

saved. The river was entirely unsuitable for flying-boat operations, and after the "road" had been made to enable the first dam to be built—Corsair having in the meantime been beached and repaired—a take-off was attempted on July 13.

But she hit a hidden rock, however, and was damaged again.

With the waters of the river falling, a second take-off could not be attempted until after they had begun to rise again.

A second dam was built, and more rocks were blasted. Officials of the Government in the Belgian Congo and of a gold mining company co-operated in the work, and the village which rose within sight of Corsair was necessary to house the workers.

Corsair is being piloted home by Captain J. C. Kelly Rogers, who left England a month ago.

He was in command of the flying-boat *Caribou* during her inaugural flight for the British North Atlantic Air Mail service to Botwood, Montreal, and New York last August. Corsair cost more than £40,000.

LEGACY LEFT TO CHURCHYARD

LONDON. George Smith, Charles Smith and their sister kept house together for more than 50 years at Faversham in Kent.

Charles was the first to die and was buried in the village churchyard, which was in a sad state of repair.

By the will just published of George Smith, however, who died last November a legacy of £5,000 has been left to the vicar and churchwardens, the income from which is to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the churchyard.

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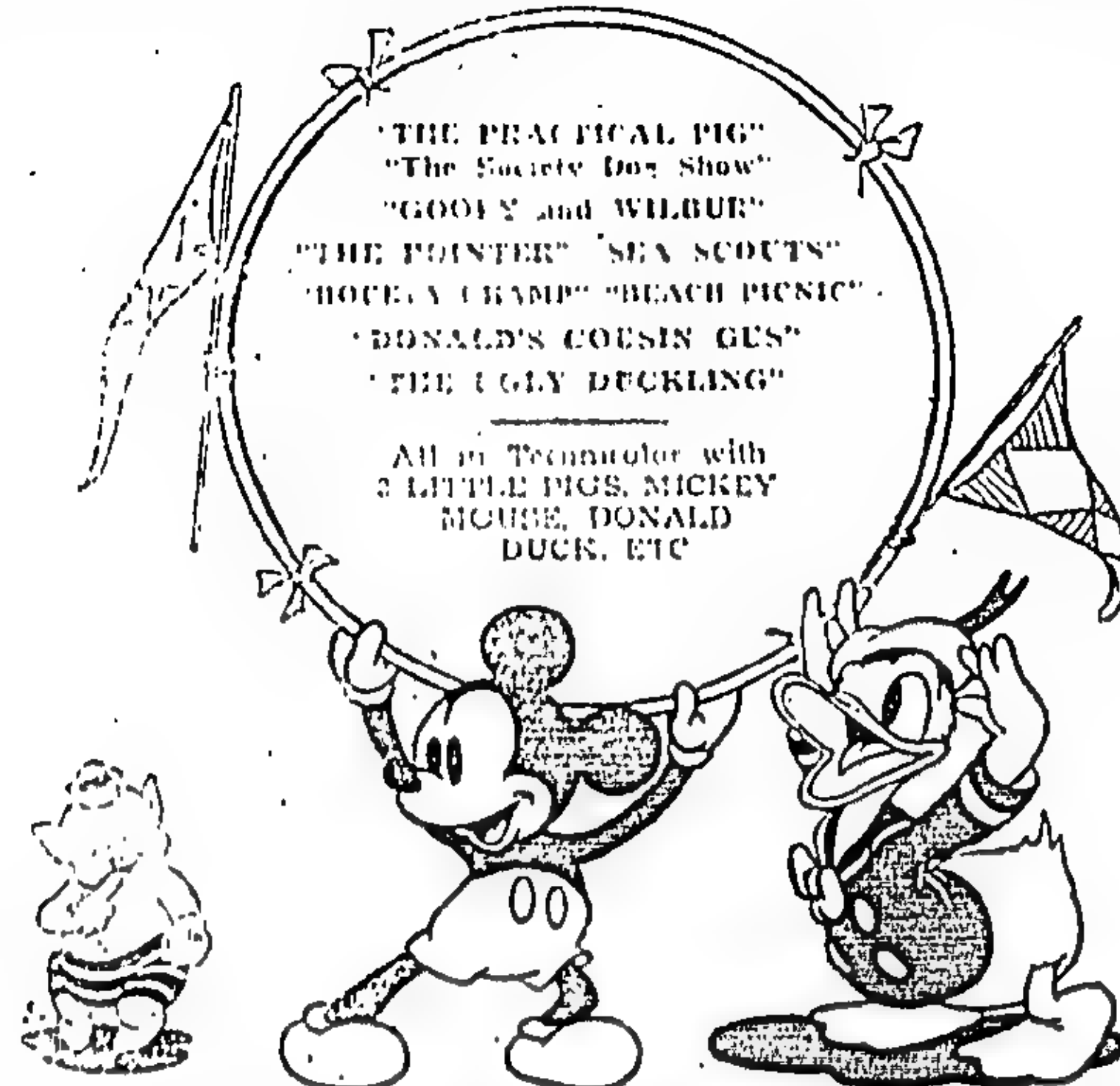
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Berlin West Front Report

Artillery Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 25 (UP).—The official news agency report from the front says: "There was the usual artillery fire between the Moselle river and the Palatinate forest which increased last night on the right wing east of the Moselle."

"A French detachment of about 40 men tried at dawn to capture a German advance guard. The plan failed, however, because of the watchfulness of the Germans. In a border sector French patrols were repulsed before they could make any reconnaissances."

Allied Planes Downed

"Slight enemy reconnaissance activity was observed in the air. One French plane of the Mureaux type was brought down by German anti-aircraft fire. One British plane of the Lockheed-Hudson type was brought down and destroyed over the Heligoland. Bight by German pursuit planes."

"On the upper Rhine, the French tried to take up loudspeaker propaganda. This action was apparently ordered by high quarters and was supplemented by the usual shouted shouts of French soldiers which stood in distinct contrast to the promises of the loudspeaker."

Whitehall Bans Names In Spelling Bee

By A Radio Correspondent
ALL the wives, mothers and sisters, as well as the troops in France, who took part in the Christmas afternoon broadcast Spelling Bee remained anonymous.

The ten soldiers chosen by Richard Dimbleby in France from various units, range from privates to a company quartermaster-sergeant. The ten civilians (mainly women) came from towns, villages and cities throughout Britain.

Christopher Stone as compere, put the questions, which included a General Knowledge Bee with home terms on Army matters for the home team and civilian posers for the B.E.F. team.

For the final round there was a "pass the message" game, in which listeners heard each competitor whisper to his neighbour a message at the microphone.

As this message was passed round, marks were awarded to the side which handles it most accurately.

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FINNS ADMIT NEW WITHDRAWAL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (Domei).—Finnish G.H.Q. admitted early this morning that increasing Red pressure has necessitated withdrawal to new lines of defence at several points along the Karelian Isthmus.

The communique states that the retreat has been made in accordance with tactical necessity.

Unofficial circles believe that the Mannerheim Line defences are becoming increasingly compromised.

This morning's official Red Army communique claims that the Soviet forces have consolidated their grip on the Koivisto peninsula, gateway to Viborg, by occupying the islands of Tuensari and Viensuri.

The communique claims that the Finns were forced to abandon a great quantity of war booty.

Capture of the islands was effected across the frozen surface of the Gulf of Finland.

The communique adds that, despite heavy snowfalls and fog the Red Army has captured a further 28 defence fortifications.

New Soviet Offensive

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 26 (UP).—Last night's official Finnish communique claims that local attacks on the Karelian Isthmus were repulsed with heavy Red losses.

Soviet aerial activity was confined to northern Finland, where damage was slight.

The Russians have launched a new offensive across the border at Punnasjärvi. The communique claims, however, that they have been hurled back in this sector by the arrival of fresh Finnish reinforcements.

Soviet Advance Held By Finns

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Finnish positions on the eastern sector of the Mannerheim Line are still intact.

In the western sector, where the Russians broke through in the vicinity of Summa, the Finns appear to have held up any further advances and the Reds are not yet in touch with the main Finnish defences in front of Viborg.

The Soviet lines in front of Viborg form a salient with Koivisto as the apex.

Although the Reds have again reiterated their claim to the capture of the Koivisto fortress, the Finns still state that the fortifications are in their hands.

To-day's Finnish communique states that Saturday was marked by local Russian attacks in which they suffered heavy losses.

Finnish artillery showed increased activity, and dispersed several detachments as well as destroyed over 17 tanks.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the Finns repulsed the enemy and captured 27 machine-guns, 21 Lewis guns and destroyed two tanks.

In the direction of Petsamo, a Finnish patrol of ten men repulsed a detachment of 180 on skis.

Soviet Pilots Captured

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Finns claim that they have taken two Russian Alimen as prisoners. These airmen were involved in the Soviet bombing of the Swedish town of Pajala, they claim.

The plane was forced down in.

Is Reich Mediating In Finnish War?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26 (UP).—Rumours of possible German attempts to mediate in the war in Finland have been becoming more strong during the past few days.

Some circles believe that Sweden's categorical refusal to aid Finland is connected with these rumours, as it is thought that Sweden's decision was "too pat" to be explained without some assurance having been received from Hitler.

It is believed in these circles that Hitler was told Sweden that Germany will not let Russia press on to the Arctic harbours.

But Russia must have a "face-saving" victory, even though it may be on a smaller scale than her original demands indicated.

Such a "face-saver" would, perhaps, be the capture of Viborg, after which Hitler would step in and call a halt.

Nazis Prepared To Use Force

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Hitler is now prepared to mediate in the Russo-Finnish War, according to the well-informed Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Sunday Despatch."

The Correspondent reports that Stalin is prepared to accept German mediation, provided it attains a "face-saving" victory for the Red Army.

The "Sunday Despatch" states that Hitler is attempting to hasten the end of the conflict by putting pressure to bear on the Scandinavian countries in order to prevent the transit of volunteers to Finland.

The newspaper states that the Scandinavian countries have been warned that unless they comply with Germany's "friendly suggestions," force will be utilised against them.

Hitler "Guarantee"

At the same time, Hitler is prepared to give a guarantee to the Scandinavian countries that their neutrality will not be violated by either Germany or Russia if they stay out of the Russo-Finnish conflict.

Despite this assurance, Hitler is reported by the "Sunday Despatch" correspondent to have warned the Scandinavian bloc that unless their neutrality becomes more amenable to the Nazi viewpoint, Germany will be forced to counter the British blockade by smashing Scandinavian trade and preventing Scandinavian ships from calling at any British or French ports.

In order to achieve this aim, Germany will declare the entire North.

Allied Blockade In Black Sea Thought Possibility

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, FEB. 26 (DOMEI).—IN AN EFFORT TO EASE THE TENSION EXISTING ON THEIR FRONTIERS AND TO AVOID UNNECESSARY FRICTION, TURKEY AND SOVIET RUSSIA HAVE MUTUALLY AGREED TO WITHDRAW THEIR RESPECTIVE FORCES FROM THE CAUCASUS BORDER.

It is revealed that a number of Soviet troops recently crossed the border owing to a misunderstanding, and relation consequently became strained in that area.

It is pointed out in this connection that Turkey has concentrated approximately 200,000 troops in the Caucasus border area.

WAR BELIEVED INEVITABLE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Feb. 25 (Domei).—Turkish newspapers now believe that clashes between Allied forces and the Soviet Union are inevitable.

It is believed certain that the Allies will not hesitate to start military action against Baku, the Soviet port in the Black Sea from whence the rich Baku oil-field supplies are shipped, in the event of Russian supplies to Germany assuming greater proportions.

In the meantime, the Turkish military authorities are strengthening the defences of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus Strait as well as in Istanbul itself.

Officers of the Turkish High Command, accompanied by British and French military engineers, arrived here to-day to re-organise local defences.

Britain Puts On Clocks

"Summer-Time" Starts Again At Home

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Great Britain officially returned to summer time this morning when the clocks were advanced one hour at 2 a.m., Greenwich Mean Time.

Early Sunday morning church-goers dressed by electric light—the blackout ending at 7.28 a.m., compared with 6.32 a.m., yesterday.

Evening Walks in Daylight

However, Sunday evening strollers promenaded the streets in broad daylight to-day, and started supper before they performed the daily ritual with their boards and blackout ceremony.

The blackout to-night started at 7 p.m., instead of 5.58 p.m., as on Saturday.

DEATH OF LORD BAYFORD

Served In Baldwin's 1922-4 Cabinet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WINCANTON, SOMERSET, Feb. 25 (UP).—The death occurred yesterday of Lord Bayford, aged 72 years.

Lord Bayford was Minister of Agriculture in the Baldwin Cabinet from 1922 to 1924.

His death occurred at his home, Bayford Lodge.

Lone Bomber Fights Five Messerschmidts

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. carried out another extensive flight over Heligoland Bight and north-west Germany yesterday.

This time they met with some opposition but six separate attacks were beaten off and all the British planes got home safely after completing their task.

FANTASTIC CLAIMS

Nazis Sink British Merchant Fleet!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (UP).—Germany has "sunk" so many British steamers that she will have to start sinking the British merchant marine all over again soon—if her fantastic claims are to continue at the present rate.

She has just issued official claims for the first five months of warfare.

During that time, she claims, 1,800,000 tons of British and neutral tonnage has been sent to the bottom.

Yes, Yes, Of Course

"The sorrows of the British Admiralty for the future of navigation are fully justified," the communique reports.

"It is remarkable that the losses of ships have regularly increased, especially of late."

"The losses inflicted on British ships by the German Air Force are not included in the 1,800,000 tons sunk," the communique adds as an afterthought.

Gave False Information

Gambled Away His Employer's Money

Charged with giving false information to the police Mak Ngau, 22, cook, was fined \$50 or six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Hilmsworth at Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday.

Det. Sgt. Mackenzie said Mak was sent by his employer to deliver two tables yesterday. After he had collected \$44 for the tables, he visited a gambling school and lost the money. He told his master that he was robbed by two men in front of the Star Theatre.

SILENT SERVICE BECOMES GAGGED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—Coinciding with a poster campaign warning the services against dangerous gossip, the Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Dudley Pound, yesterday paid a visit to a naval base on the east coast of Britain.

He asked a bearded seaman what his duties were. "I'm not allowed to say, Sir. We are doing Admiralty work," the sailor replied.

LATEST

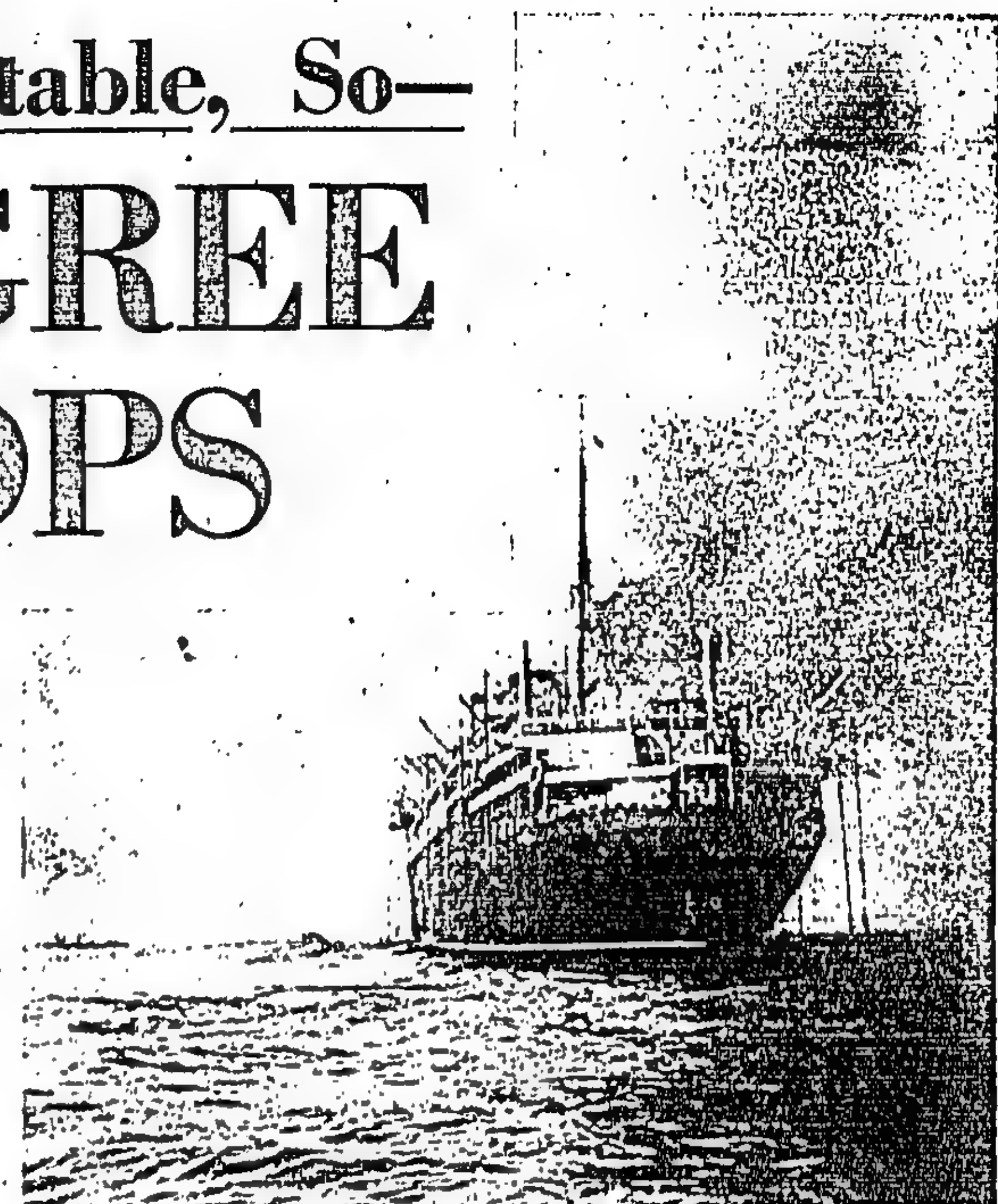
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SO THE NAZIS GAVE A SILVER LOVING CUP!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (UP).—The German Air Ministry, through the German Legation in Copenhagen, has forwarded a silver loving cup to Captain Meyer of the Danish steamer Feddy which rescued two German pilots in the North Sea on October 8.

In the meantime, however, German airmen on February 9 killed several of the Feddy's crew when the ship was en route to England. They strafed the ship with their machine-guns and the ship narrowly escaped destruction. She was rescued by British vessels and brought to a British port.



THE PICTURE ABOVE epitomises the end of German hopes of maritime supremacy. It shows a British destroyer standing by while the Columbus, third largest ship in the German merchant marine, burns. The Columbus—when she went into service in 1924 she was the sixth largest vessel in the world—was a gleaming symbol of Germany's determination to rebuild not only the merchant fleet but also the pride and place and world respect which had been lost in the Great War. To Germans, who remember vividly the suffering and hopes of those days, the suicide of the Columbus might have been unpleasantly reminiscent of 1918.

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BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND

A Variety Concert in aid of the British War Organisation Fund will take place at the Kowloon Cricket Club, on March 13th, at 9.15 p.m.

His Excellency The Governor and Lady Northcote have kindly consented to be present.

Tickets can be obtained from:

Mrs. Phillips,
23 Kadoorie Avenue,
Tel. 57997.

and from the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Prices: \$1.00 & \$2.00.

IS REICH MEDIATING IN FINNISH WAR?

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Sea a blockade area, in which all neutral ships will be sunk without warning.

In return for a benevolent neutrality, Germany, states the "Sunday Despatch," has offered to purchase the entire exports of the Scandinavian countries in order to compensate them for losses consequent upon Nazi sea warfare.

Roosevelt's Efforts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 25 (UP).—Source close to the Chilean Foreign Ministry divulged to-day that President Roosevelt has circulated proposals to the South American republics regarding possible peace machinery.

The President's proposals are stated to deal with world peace after the European War and suggests a conference to prepare international economic regulations.

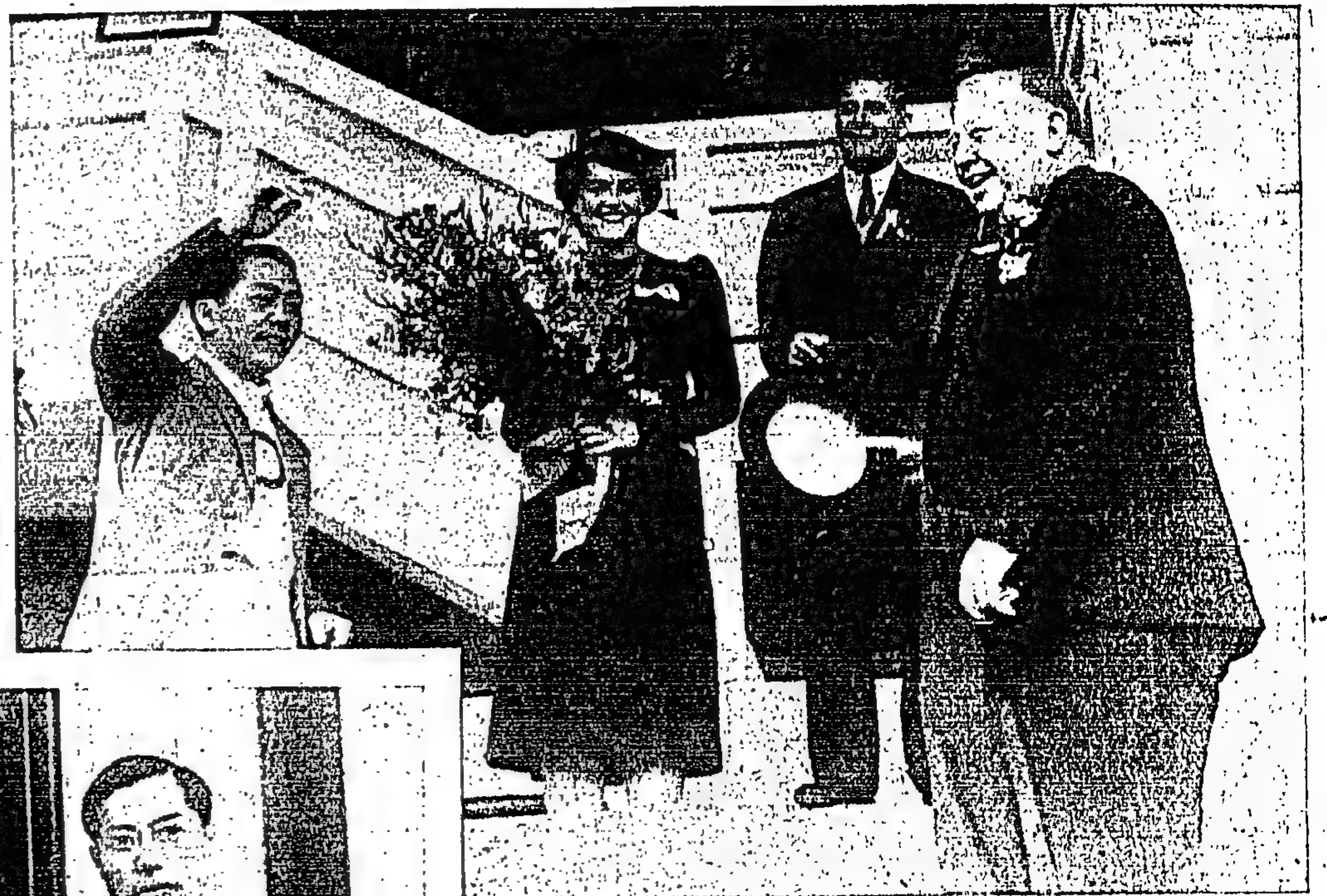
No official confirmation can be obtained. President Roosevelt, who is aboard the U.S.S. Lang, also refuses to comment. "As usual, I can say nothing about newspaper reports," he said.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued Saturday says: In spite of the short session, a good turnover was recorded in improved prices, particularly in Trams and Cements at \$30, Telephones (Old) \$31, Telephones (New) \$11 1/4 and Cements at \$19 1/4.

Buyers		Sellers	
H.K. Bank \$1,450		Electricity \$70	
Union Ins. \$220		Watsons \$20	
Douglases \$100		Providents \$4.50	
Wharves \$101		Land \$30 1/2	
Docks \$2 1/2		Tramways \$17.00	
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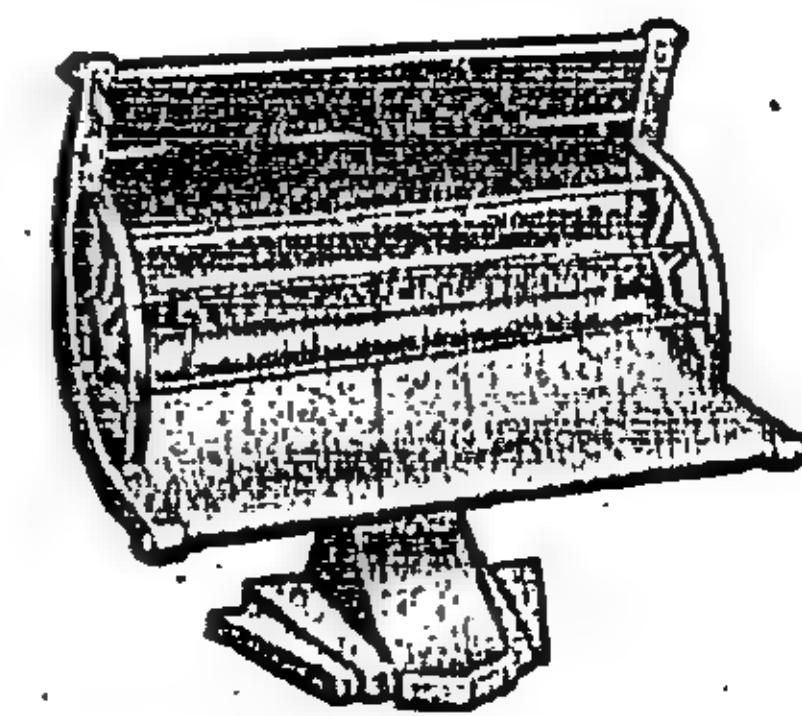
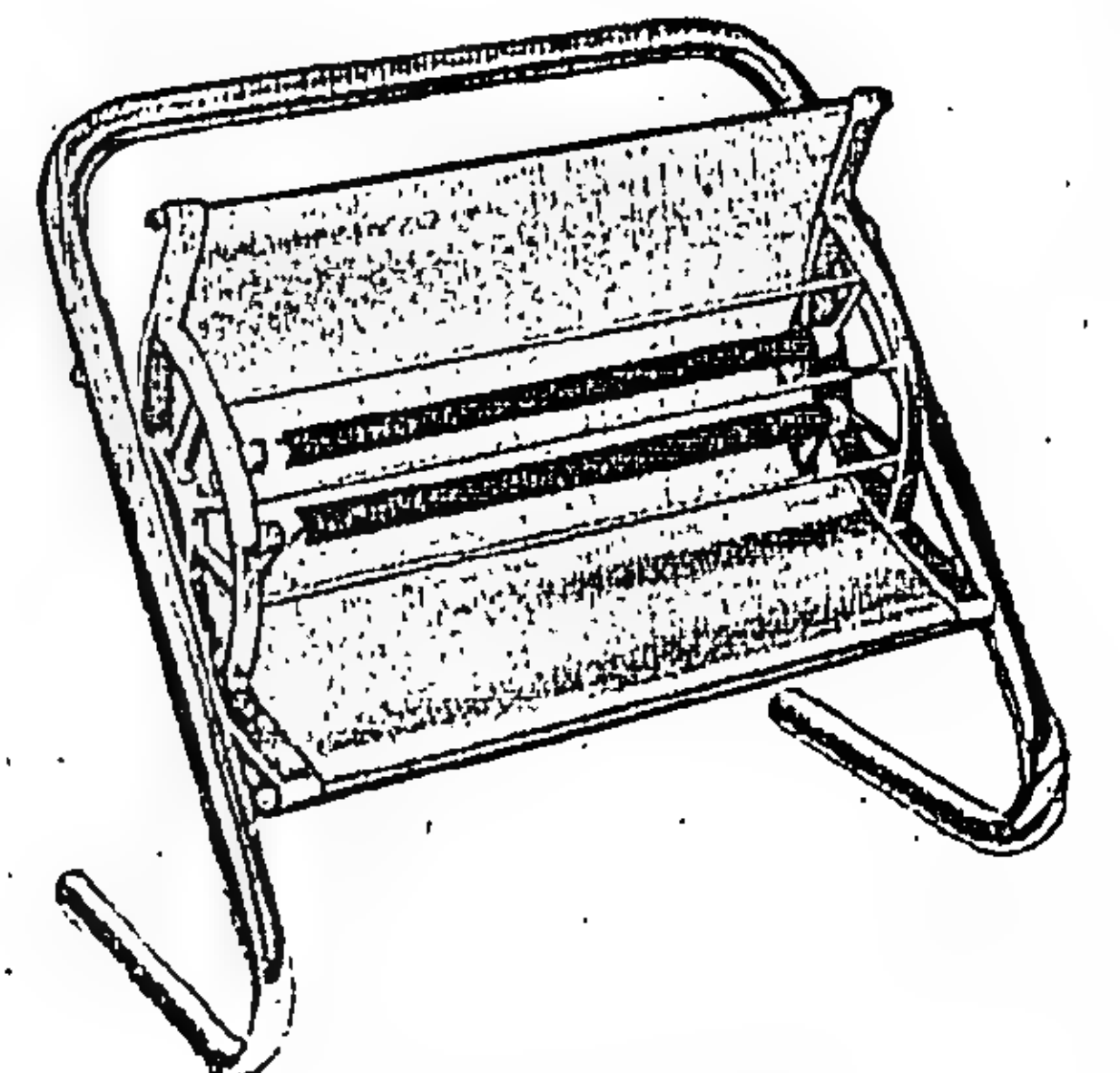
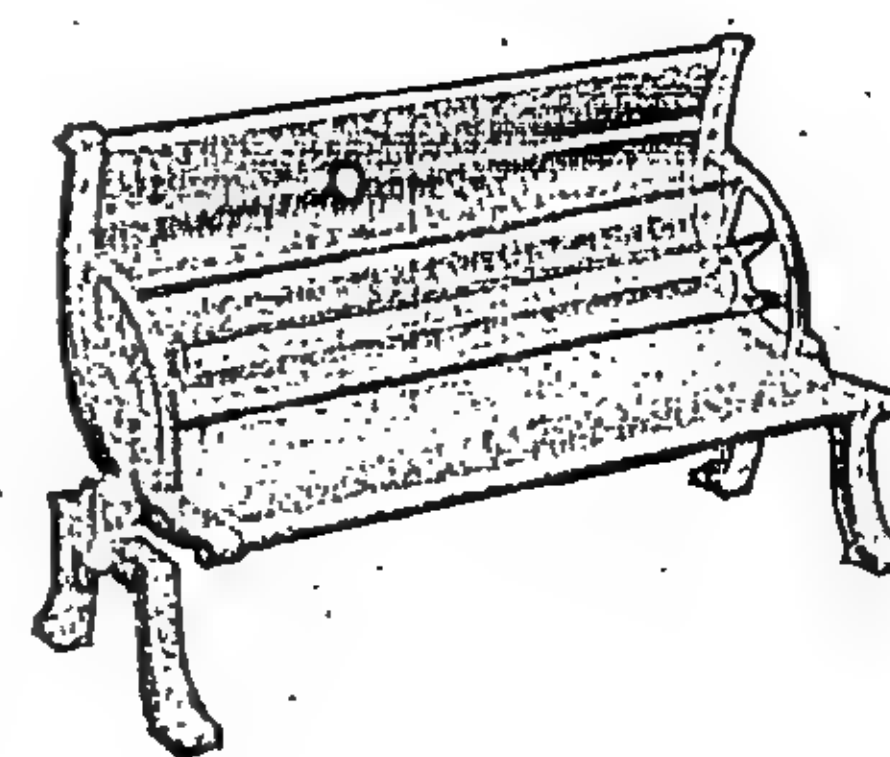
These interesting pictures were taken specially for the "Telegraph" by Ming Yuen during this week's races at Happy Valley. Top left shows Paymaster-Commander Crowley and Lieut.-Commander Garrett studying form from the stands; top right shows Miss R. Vickers receiving a bouquet and cheers after presenting Jockey S. C. Liang with the Ladies Purse at Wednesday's meeting. Also in the picture are Sir Vandeleur Grayburn and the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce. Below is Mr. Harry Ko holding the Governor's Cup which he won, and Mr. L. B. Chao his jockey. Right of that is Burford being led in after winning the Champions on Wednesday. On left is seen Mrs. R. R. W. Ashby and Mr. C. Grossman, snapped in the enclosure between races. Below, His Excellency the Governor at the presentation of the Governor's Cup. In the picture, reading from left to right are Mr. L. B. Chao, Mr. Harry Ko, Sir Atholl MacGregor, His Excellency, and the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce.

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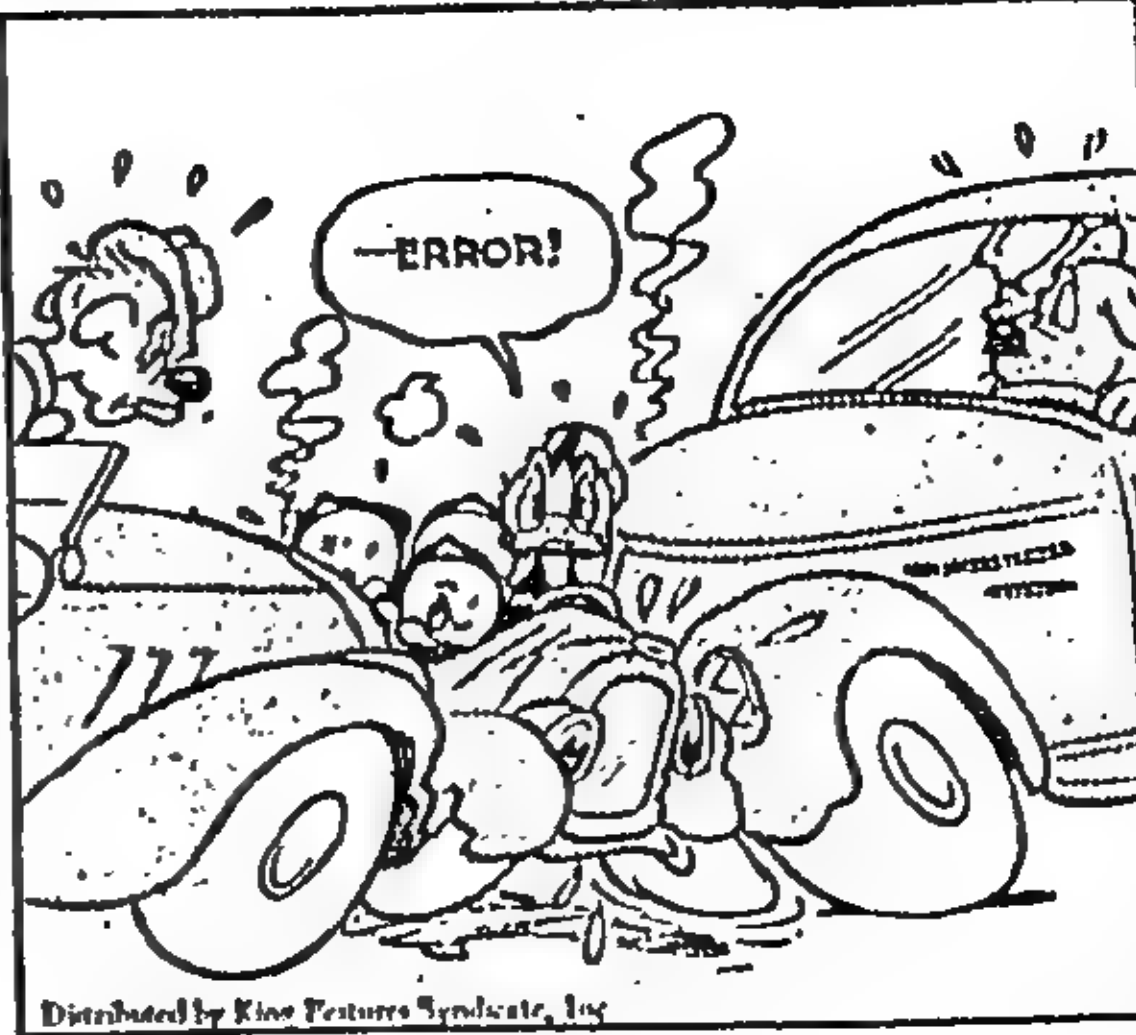
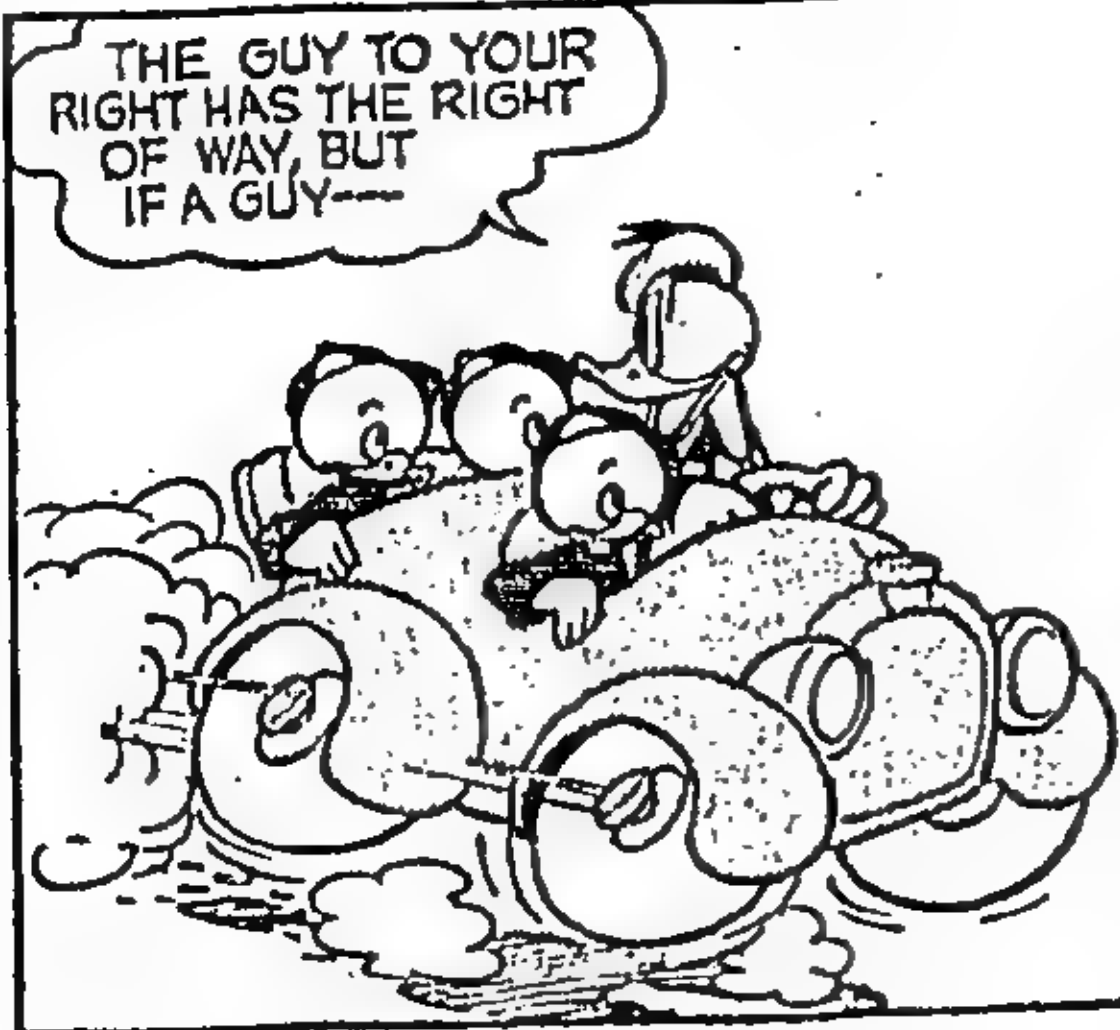
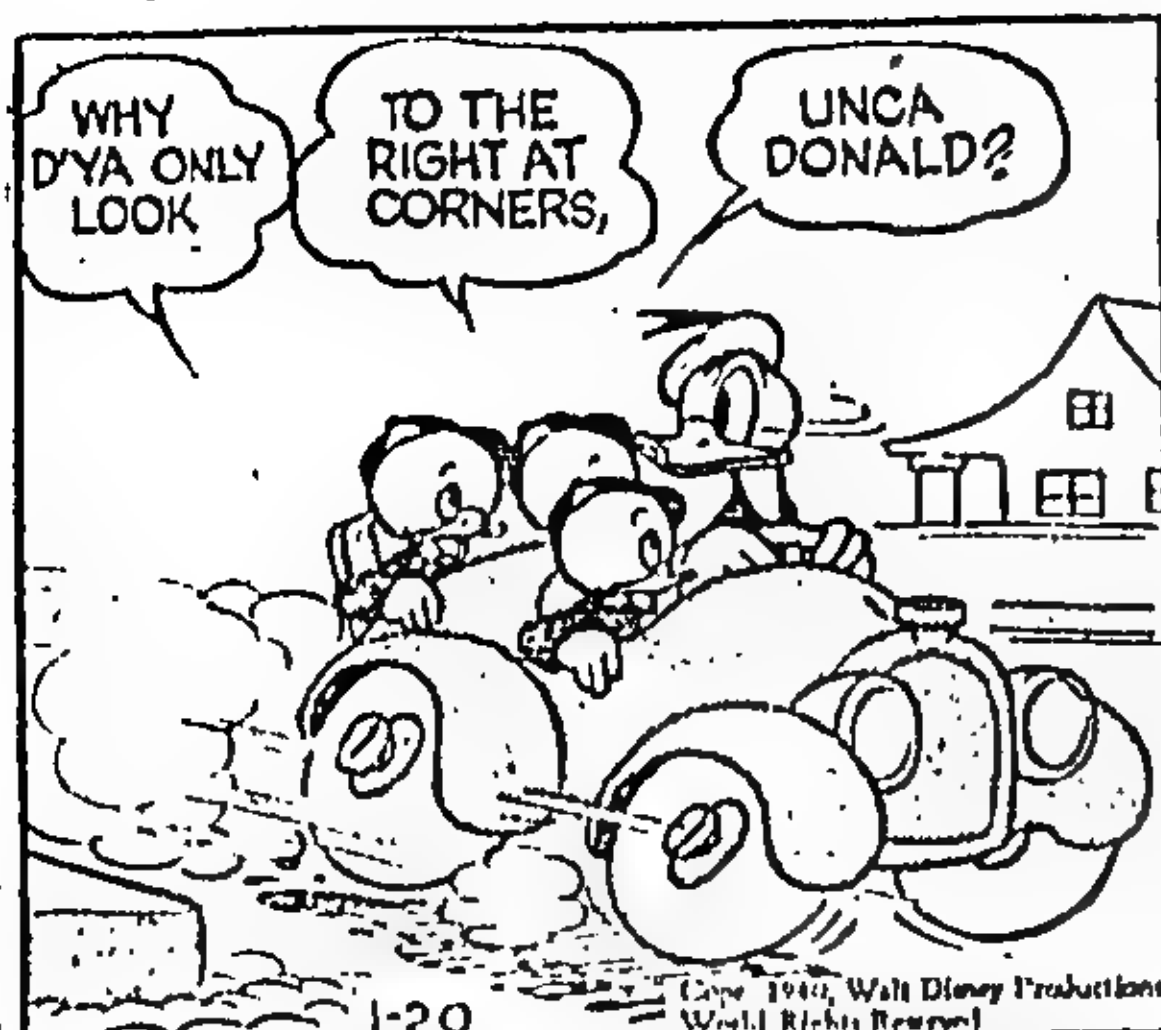
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DOG LED WOMAN TO DEAD MASTER

LONDON.—Walking home in the black-out from work accompanied by his dog, Henry Johnson, aged 56, a woodcutter, of Ropers Cottages, Farningham, near Dartford, was killed by a lorry in London Road, Farningham. The dog ran home. Scratching brought Mrs. Johnson to the door, and the dog led her to the scene of the accident—a quarter of a mile away.



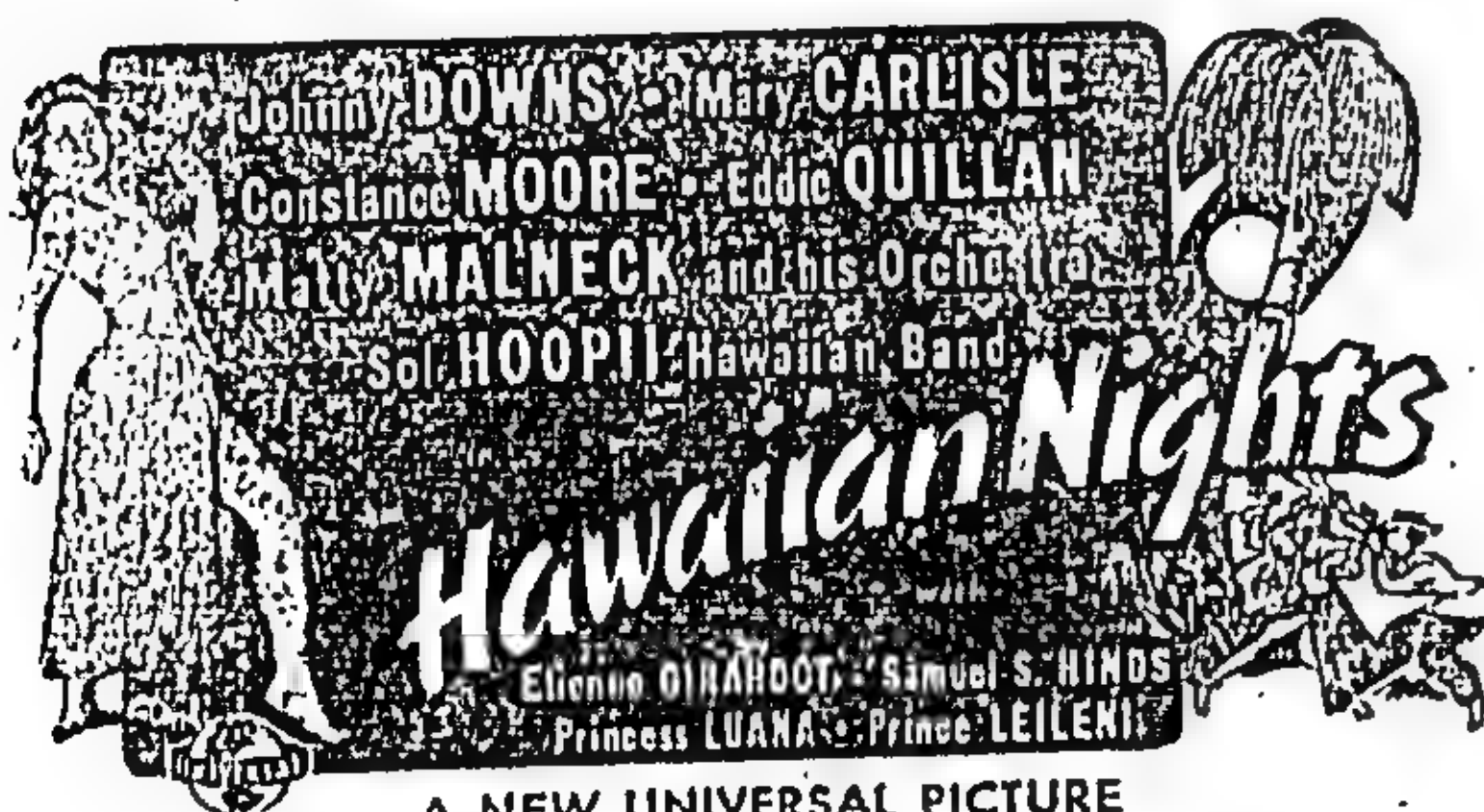
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TRAINED PILOTS ARE SCARCE

THE Allied High Commands have received details of the much-vaunted Russian Red Air Force, which show it to be a bigger sham than the Red Army.

For her 4,000 mile wide continent Russia has a first-line strength of little more than 4,465 machines.

Compared with the latest products of the chief Western European Powers 65 per cent. of the Red machines are obsolete. There are no new-type machines under production.

The Russian second-line machine strength is about 2,000 planes. Lack of advanced training machines is restricting the output of trained pilots to 2,000 a year, a useless figure for large scale war in Europe.

Split in Two

The Russian Air Command is divided into two sections, one to the west of Lake Balkal, the other to the east. Lake Balkal is practically in the centre of Russia.

The Western Air Command has a total of 3,240 of the most modern machines allotted to it. The Eastern Command, which covers the Mongolian and Manchurian frontier, has 1,225 first-line machines.

There are two types of Russian warplanes which experts say "compare not unfavourably" with the modern medium-type bombers of other nations. They are called the SB and the TB-26.

The SB is similar to a British Blenheim and has a maximum speed of about 250 m.p.h. A Blenheim will do 285 m.p.h.

The TB-26 has a maximum speed of 245 m.p.h. and a range of 1,600 miles with 3,300 lbs. of bombs.

High Morale

The best Russian fighters are the 1.10 (SSP), of which the Western

Command has 713 and the Eastern Command 320. These machines are similar to British Gloster Gladiators, which have long been superseded by newer types.

The morale of the pilots is high. They are good fighters. But discipline, as a result of the 1937-8 purges, is low. Every commanding officer of every squadron is watched by a political representative.

Russia has relied on France and America to grant her licences to manufacture their latest warplane designs. Those sources of progress are closed to her now.

OBITUARY

Old Portuguese Resident Buried at Happy Valley

The late Miss Sophia Maria Franco, who died at her home, 35 Robinson Road, early on Saturday morning, was interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, in the afternoon. The Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada officiated.

Miss Franco was 76 years of age. She was born in Hongkong and had resided here all her life. She is survived by four sisters and a brother.

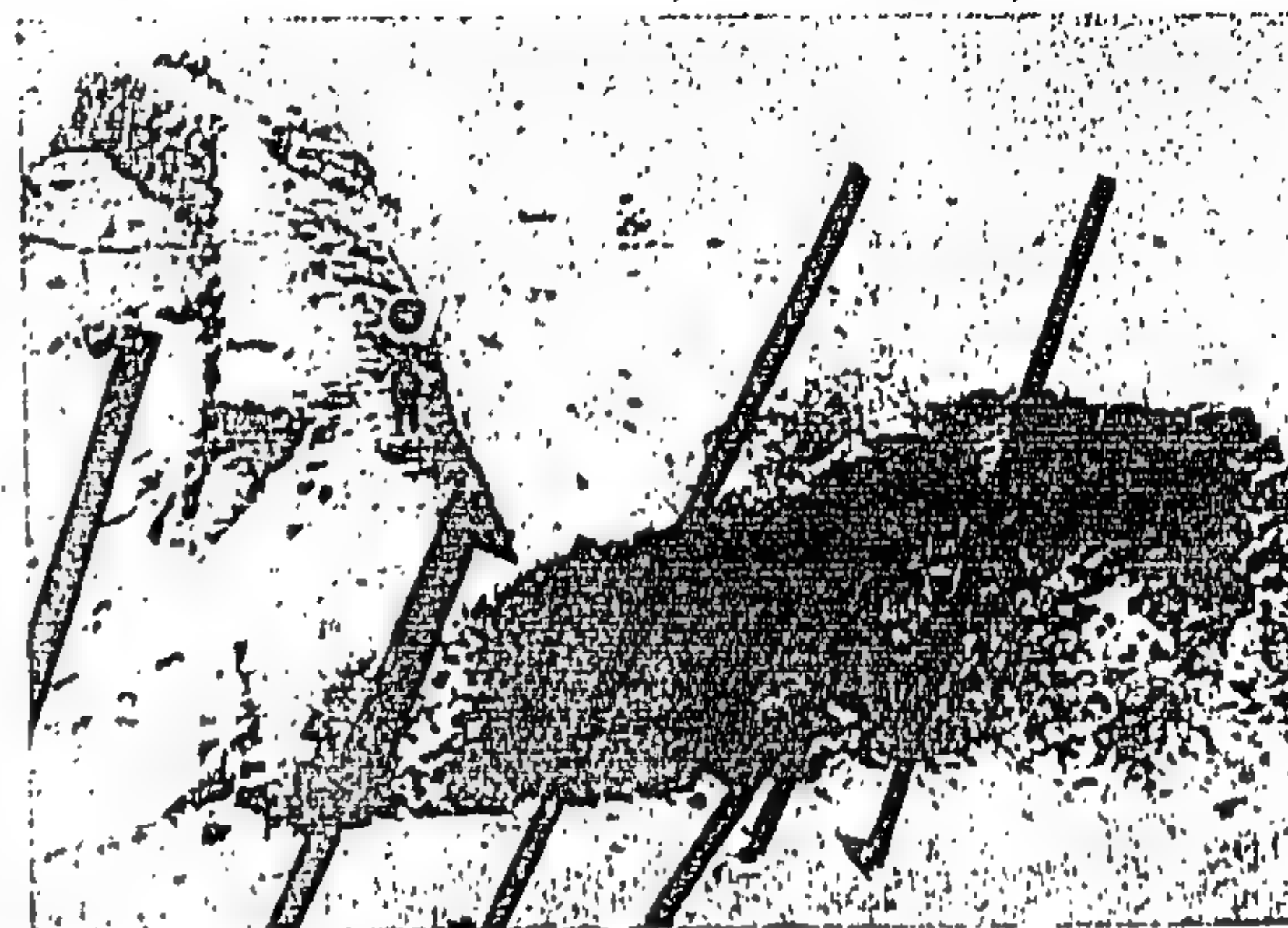
Chief mourners at the funeral were Mrs. C. Hingston, Mrs. A. Julian and Mrs. F. Julian, (sisters), and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Silva.

Others present included Mrs. A. A. Elms, Miss M. Julian, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. V. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. Santos, Mrs. Peres, Miss A. Deme, Mr. C. H. V. Remedios, Master K. Julian, Master P. Remedios, Miss G. Remedios and Miss T. Santos.

Floral tributes from the family and friends were laid on the grave.

Mr. Hans J. Ibsen
The death occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday of Mr. Hans

CHINESE TANK TRAPS



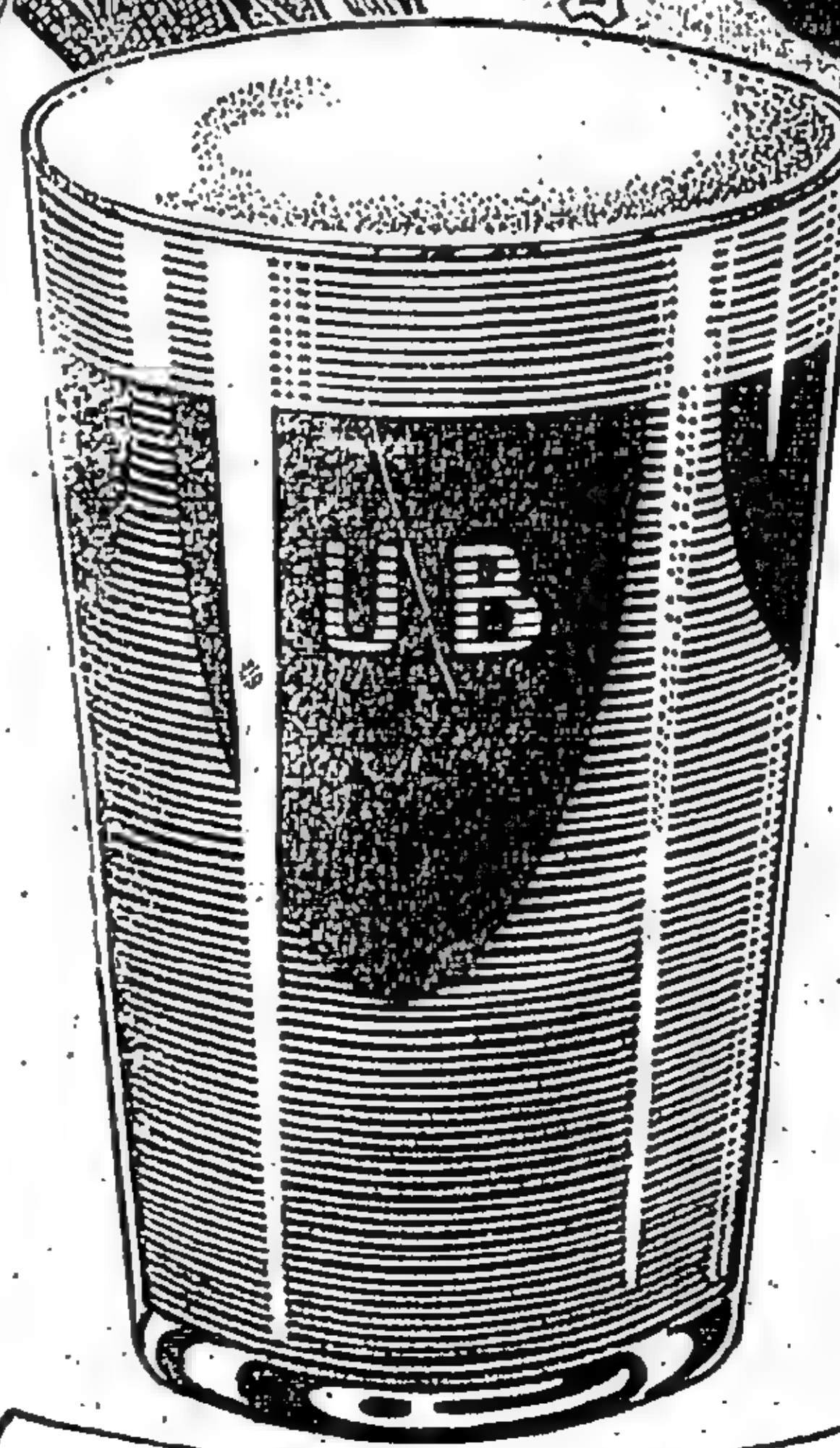
CHINESE tank barriers, composed of steel rail tracks pulled up from abandoned railways, used to stop the advance of Japanese mechanised units in the snow-covered country near Hangchow.—Domei.

Jergen Ibsen, a Dane, at the age of 54 years. He had resided in the Sailors Home and Seamen's Institute for some months prior to entering hospital on Friday.

Mr. Ibsen had been on the China

Const for many years, and last served as Second Officer of the Fatshan, river steamer.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock, entering the Colonial Cemetery by the Stubbs Road entrance.



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1.45 Grace Fields in a Variety Programme.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children."

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Sea Shanties.

6.42 Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

7.0 Musical Comedy Selections.

7.30 London Relay—News Summary.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Reginald Foort, Rite de Costa and Arthur Askey in Variety.

8.47 Keteibey—In A Fairy Realm—Suite.

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9.0 Some Welsh Songs.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 B.B.C. Recording—London Traffic.

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11.0 Close down.

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Night in Sudan, F.T.
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DEATH

ANTONIO.—Mrs. Dometilla (Chai-Chai) Barbara Sequeira Antonio passed away at her residence this morning at 5.30 a.m. at the age of 74. Funeral will pass the Monument today at 5.30 p.m. No flowers by request (Shanghai, Mueau, Bangkok, Singapore papers please copy).

MIRTH

MILNE.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on 26th February, 1940, to Edith, wife of George Milne, a daughter.

**The
Hongkong Telegraph**

Monday, February 26, 1940.

Wyndham St., Hongkong

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Bureaucracy and Taxation

It is only necessary to visit Government Departments in Hongkong, with their neatly painted name-plates announcing that within sits the chief, the principal assistant, the second assistant, the third assistant, the fourth assistant, the deputy assistant, the second deputy assistant, the chief clerk, the assistant chief clerk, the assistant deputy clerk, the assistant deputy clerk and a whole plethora of other assistants to realise what will happen in this Colony if the taxation proposals of the War Revenue Committee are adopted.

A new department will be set up. It will require a Board of Inland Revenue consisting of five members, each, presumably, drawing the usual allowances.

It will require a Commissioner who won't be in receipt of much less than \$24,000 per annum. There will be a Deputy Commissioner, whose salary will absorb the taxes derived from a hundred tax-payers. There will be several Assistant Commissioners, each with his own little office and stenographer. There will be a multitude of Examiners, clerks, typists, accountants, assessors. In short, there will be another Department.

The hope may be expressed in some quarters that bureaucracy may make an exception and run the proposed Inland Revenue Department economically. Has any Department ever been run economically in Hongkong? Do the following paragraphs from the proposed "Ordinance to Impose War Taxes and to Regulate the Collection thereof" make it appear likely that the new Department will be any different to the multitudinous Departments already in existence:

"3. (1) (a).—There shall be a Board of Inland Revenue composed of the Financial Secretary and four other members appointed by the Governor, of whom not more than one shall be an official in the employ of the Government."

"3. (2).—For the purpose of this Ordinance, the Government may appoint a Commissioner, a Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners and Examiners."

These two paragraphs epitomise the objections to the creation of any addition to the bureaucracy already in existence in Hongkong. We already have too many Heads of Departments, deputy Heads of Departments, assistant heads of Departments, second, third and fourth assistants.

The creation of a new Department will require new offices, new and expensive equipment, new staffs and, in spite of the hopes expressed by the War Revenue Committee, new pension commitments, new people to go on leave every four years.

The war in Europe may end even before the newly-created Department is functioning. But Bureaucracy, once having given birth to

The 'Telegraph' picked this out

Say not the struggle naught availeth,
The labour and the wounds are vain,
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,
And as things have been they remain,
If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;
It may be, in yon smoke concealed,
Your comrades chase e'en now the fiers,
And, but for you, possess the field.
For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,
Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back, through creeks and inlets making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.
And not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light;
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly,
But westward, look, the land is bright!

ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH
1810-1881

this infant with so brilliant a future, will be loth to abandon it. The predecessor to the present Financial Secretary has already warned that increasingly heavy taxation for ordinary purposes quite apart from the war must be envisaged. Pensions will, far from being slashed, involve the Colony in annually increasing commitments; liberal home leave arrangements must not be interfered with; old and faithful servants—old, that, in the eyes of the Civil Service—must be permitted to retire to spend their well-earned pensions in any part of the world except that in which they earn them, and they must be replaced by new Colonial Office appointees. Expenditure on public health, education and social services generally is, and always has been, below the level compatible with the principles of Empire guardianship which we espouse and cannot well be decreed below present inadequate levels.

Is it, then, likely that the Government will accept the Committee's recommendations that the proposed tax should be for the duration of the war only?

There are other, and for the taxpayer, equally important reasons why the recommendation of the Committee should be opposed by the people of this Colony. On the surface, it would appear that the tax proposals are more equitable than the originally proposed by the Government. But the great and inarticulate Middle Class taxpayer, who would have been the principal victim under the original proposals, has no guarantee that his position is any better under these new proposals.

It will be he who will be the mainstay of the Salaries Tax. He, too, will be the victim of the Property Tax. Property Tax, suggests the proposed Ordinance, will be charged to the owner of the land or property involved, but the tax itself will be payable in the first instance by the person, whether owner, agent or tenant, who normally pays the assessed rates. The person who usually pays these rates is the tenant. His total rental is computed at so much for actual rent, plus assessment rates. A tenant would have a difficult time proving in a Court of Law that the landlord is not justified in passing on any increased assessments, especially as the proposed Ordinance and the Eviction of Persons Ordinance permit the landlord to add these charges to his rentals.

The man who pays the Salaries Tax and the Property Tax will also, indirectly, pay the Corporation Profits Tax. As elsewhere throughout the world, Corporations are business



MICKEY FINLAND AND GIANT STALIN

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THE B.B.C. are fans of old Lord Haw-Haw, too. They employ men and women translators and shorthandists, at £300 a year, just to put his words—and his pals—on paper.

The high-ups glance them over: they confer with the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Information, the B.B.C. News Service—then they hit back.

Twice nightly, to Germans skulking under bedclothes or headphone-listening in cellars, they tell the truth. And, because the truth is a change from Dr. Goebbels's Soothing Syrup and Lord Haw-Haw's Elixir, they're gaining a bigger and bigger audience each night.

How do they know? Many times I've asked the B.B.C. that question, and all they do is to close one eye and put on finger to the nose. They know that German listeners to B.B.C. programmes risk imprisonment or, "in extreme cases," death.

THE B.B.C. system is to take a Haw-Haw or a Goebbels story, decontaminate it, and to hurl it back into Germany as a straight statement of fact.

They give the names of German prisoners captured, and add, cheerfully, "We'll give you some more to-morrow."

They play recordings of Hitler's speeches, making him confess himself a liar out of his own mouth. (The bit where he says: "I have no more ter-

concerns administered for the benefit of their shareholders. They are not administered for the benefit of the man-in-the-street and they are not going to be administered for the benefit of the War Revenue Department. If Government mulets a Corporation earning \$500,000 net profit of \$50,000, that \$50,000 is going to be passed on, as similar taxes have already been passed on in the past. We already have war-time precedents for the increased Government taxation on petrol and liquors. The Corporations dealing in these commodities have already passed the taxation on to the consumer in the shape of increased prices for petrol, higher charges for taxis, higher prices for liquors.

There is not one paragraph in the voluminous War Revenue Bill to safeguard the man-in-the-street from the man-in-the-pocket of the Committee's proposals.

The wage-earner is to be the Dummy. And Dummy's pocket must be raped because he, too, knows that this Colony must make a substantial monetary contribution to the Empire's war effort. He is impotent to suggest that Empire, and especially this small part of Empire in which he lives, would best be served by the functioning of Government on (to use the War Revenue Committee's words) the most economical basis commensurate with efficiency.

The Empire fights for Democracy, and we are told that we must make heavy sacrifices to safeguard Democracy. But that very Democracy is denied us in Hongkong.

said in his speech. The German Press has not published a single long quotation.

"The German High Command are desperate at the thought of being forced to carry out a mass-attack in the west. They know that a direct attack on the Maginot Line would involve a tremendous loss of life."

yet that is the situation that may be forced upon them. . . .

"The emphatic rejection of the Nazis and their ideology by the whole Arab world has so impressed the Germans that they have now abandoned their propaganda efforts to picture the Arabs as struggling slaves. . . ."

B.B.C. calling German

"Women are demonstrating in the streets of Vienna. . . ."

"One hundred thousand Germans, evacuated from Baltic countries, must liquidate their businesses and leave their possessions behind. . . ."

"The sales of 'Mein Kampf' are being soft-pedalled in Prague. . . ."

"There is a panic among the German population of Hungary, who used to hold Nazi sympathies, but are now throwing out the Nazi agents. . . ."

"The Admiral Scheer, probably flying a false flag, is being hunted by the British Navy. . . ."

"Listen, Herr von Ribbentrop—you, Dr. Goebbels. . . ."

IF there's any criticism of the B.B.C. propaganda service, it is that it counter-attacks rather than attacks. It avoids sensationalism—and sensationalism is a quality that speech-sodden German listeners have been taught to appreciate.

And at the moment it lacks one-man control.

There's a job at Broadcasting House for a master-mind—a propagandist and a showman.

HITLER DID NOT CONVINCE

British Press Reaction To Violent Speech

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—The Sunday newspapers here welcomed the "astonishing contrast" between Hitler's and Mr. Chamberlain's speeches on the eve of Mr. Sumner Welles' arrival in Europe.

The "Sunday Express" broadly hints that Mr. Chamberlain's frank statement on British war aims may be principally intended to provide Mr. Welles with a basis for discussion with Mussolini and Hitler.

The general verdict is that Hitler's speech in "old stuff," pitifully inadequate in comparison with Mr. Chamberlain's calm and explicit survey of the Allied hopes for a constructive peace.

Pertinent Question

Seizing on two significant points in Mr. Chamberlain's speech—firstly, his having definitely laid down for the first time the assertion that the Allies do not expect to make peace alone but are prepared to get about reshaping the world in association with other nations; secondly, his no longer specifically excluding Hitler as a man with whom peace could not be made—the "Sunday Express" asks: "Did Chamberlain lay down his peace purposes so clearly in order to provide Mr. Welles with a basis for his discussions with Hitler and Mussolini?"

"Upon the answer to this question and upon the discussions just about to open the future of the world depends," the paper declares.

The Old, Old Story

The "Sunday Chronicle," referring to Hitler's speech, said, "It proved to be the old, old story. The Premier, in his stirring survey of Britain's war aims, has already answered everything the Fuehrer had to say."

"Nobody who heard his words can doubt the sincerity of Britain's aims and Britain's determination to achieve them with the help of God and our Allies."

The "Sunday Dispatch" said: "The constructive leadership of Chamberlain and Hitler's futile vituperation were thus the only contrast in the war aims, has already answered everything the Fuehrer had to say."

Not Convincing

The "Sunday Times" said Hitler's speech was not convincing. "Germany's war aims for Liberty and Lebensraum were enumerated in a voice of sombre depression, the paper said. 'He feels himself deeply wronged and surrounded by the vilest enemies—a victim of their persecution. It was not the speech of a man feeling quietly confident. It seemed as if by shouting hard he wanted to convince himself and his hearers.'"

Russian Break Through Will Not Weaken Finns

By WEBB MILLER

(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The Russians' capture of advance positions on the Mannerheim Line constitutes the Finns' most serious reverse since the commencement of the war, but in my judgment based on two months with the Finnish army and many visits to the Karelian isthmus front, this does not foreshadow a collapse of Finnish resistance or Finnish debacle.

So long as both ends of the Mannerheim Line remain firmly anchored by big gun batteries at Koivisto at the right end and by Lake Ladoga batteries near Taipale at the left, Red troops cannot exploit their possession of forward Mannerheim positions. These heavy guns still are able to hurl serious crossfire into Soviet positions. Moreover, on the larger part of the 80-mile Mannerheim front, the Finns still maintained their original positions which have been punctured only on comparatively narrow sectors.

From my personal observation, I can testify that for two months the Finns have been preparing for this eventuality. To paraphrase Marshal Foch, the Finns have been getting ready to fight in front of the Mannerheim Line, on the Mannerheim Line and behind the Mannerheim Line.

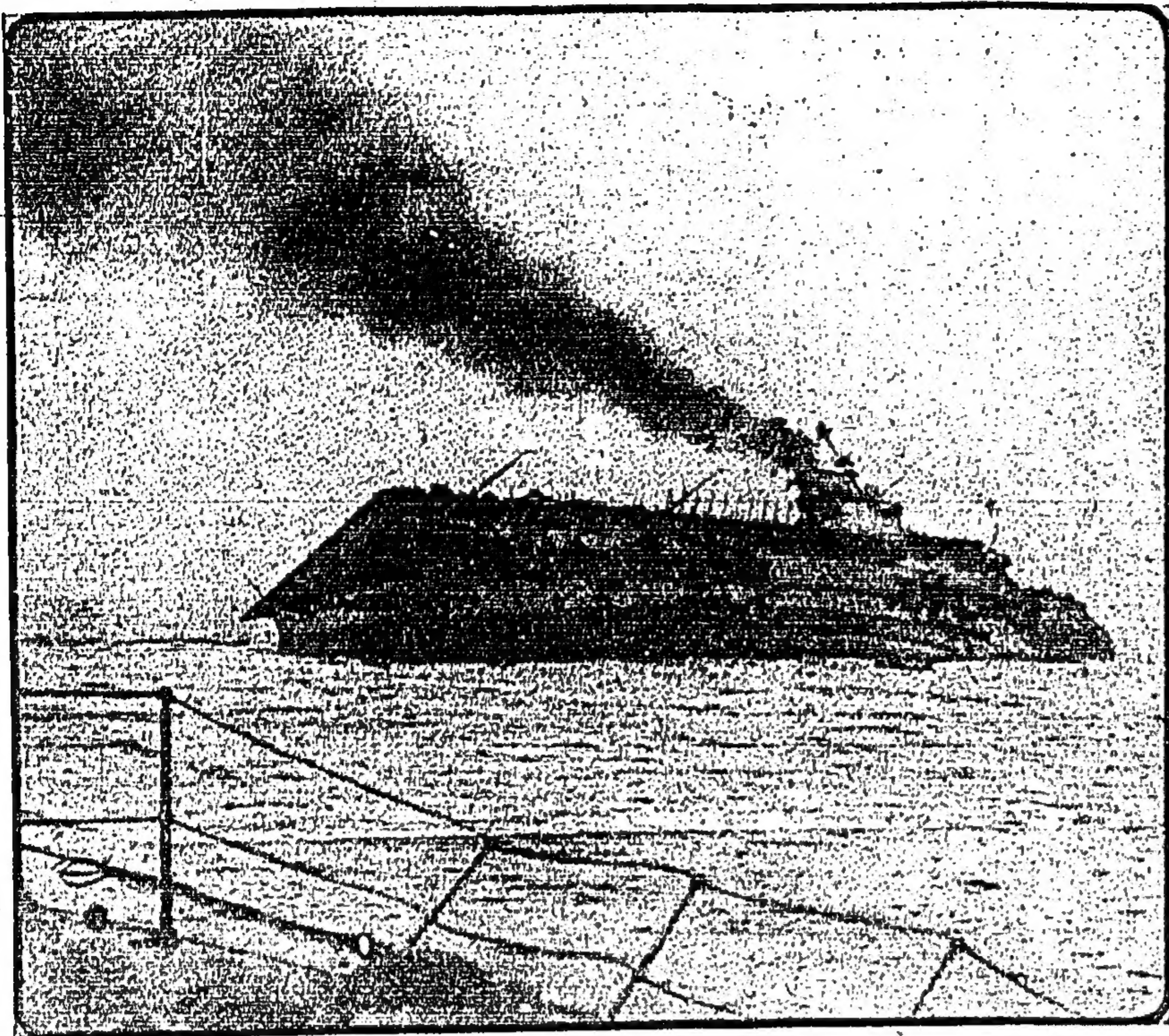
At one point alone in the course of a few miles, I counted eight auxiliary lines of tank barriers behind the Mannerheim's front. Even far behind Viipuri (Viborg) many additional lines were prepared during the last few weeks. Even if the Mannerheim Line on the isthmus is eventually completely breached, the Finns still have plenty of positions in which to continue the struggle.

Longer Frontage

Aside from the possible effects on army morale, the most serious feature of a Russian smash through the Mannerheim Line would be that the Finns' frontage would immediately be greatly increased.

The point where the Russians are at present hammering is the most

THE MOST MOVING PICTURE OF THE WAR



THE aircraft carrier Courageous, struck by a torpedo when on patrol on September 17, sinking in the sunset.

She has heeled over, her crew are scrambling down the ship's side and into the boats. Many have leaped into the sea and are swimming towards the escorting destroyer from which this picture was taken.

The captain, Captain W. T. Makeig-Jones, can be seen on the bridge. He did not leave, and went down with his ship, saluting the White Ensign. A few minutes later the Courageous turned turtle and sank, carrying 515 officers and men with her. Six hundred and eighty-seven others were saved. This picture was only recently released.

An Expensive Gamble.

Treasury Benefits By Over \$300

The Government Treasury received over \$300 as a result of a raid on a gambling school at No. 127 Des Voeux Road Central on Saturday.

Of the 19 people arrested, the keeper, Li Hung, was fined \$200 bail, and the rest on bail of \$5 each.

Only three of the gamblers appeared before Mr. Edwards at Central Magistrate's this morning, and they were fined \$5 each. The bail of those absent was estreated. The sum of \$13.90 picked up was donated to the Poor Box.

Inspector A. L. Hopkins prosecuted.

3-POWER TALKS

Denmark, Norway, And Sweden In Conference

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A conference of the Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Norway and Sweden opened this afternoon.

After a luncheon together, the Ministers were received by King Christian, after which the full conference of Ministers and advisers began in the Christiansborg Palace.

Dr. Munch, the Danish Foreign Minister, who presided, before going into the conference said that no hard and fast agenda had been prepared, but only a very general one.

Both M. Gunther (Swedish Foreign Minister) and M. Koht (Norwegian Foreign Minister) have planned to return to their capitals to-night.

Official Communiqué

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued at the close of the Three-Power Conference states that the position in connection with the Russian-Finnish conflict was discussed.

The Ministers have emphasized the most serious and profound desire of all northern peoples that the conflict may at an early date be brought to a peaceful solution which will preserve the full independence of Finland.

They have ascertained their unanimity in respect of neutrality. They reject all assertions that pressure is exercised by one side or the other, and they intend to continue their policy impartially and independently in their relations to all states.

The communiqué says that the Ministers have agreed to maintain the inviolability of neutral territory. They have also agreed to raise serious objections and endeavour to avert violation of the principles of international law in the conduct of naval warfare which inflicts considerable losses of human life and economic values on neutrals when they maintain their shipping in order to keep up their legitimate and necessary trade.

To Support Each Other

They have also agreed to support each other on these questions.

The Ministers were united in the conviction that unless war ends before violent and long-drawn fighting has brought greater disasters than at present, it will create such profound bitterness that the opening of a road to an enduring solution will be rendered still more difficult.

They will, therefore, gladly welcome any endeavour to initiate negotiations between the belligerents with a view to a just and permanent peace.

Trade Pact To Be Signed

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—It is learned here that the trade agreement between Great Britain and Norway was initiated on February 22 and will be signed in London this week.

Details of the agreement are not yet made public, but it is understood that one primary aim is to facilitate Norway's shipping communications with other countries.

It is probable that both Denmark and Sweden will shortly conclude a similar agreement.

Civil Defence Demonstration

South Of England's Preparedness

LONDON, Feb. 25 (British Wire- less).—The biggest civil defence exercise ever held in Britain was staged in the South of England today. Twelve thousand A.R.P. and A.E.S. personnel took part in the exercise in two towns which were presumed to have been raided by enemy bombers.

Sir John Anderson, Minister for Home Security, and the Regional Commissioner for Civil Defence, together with many technical experts, carried out tests lasting the whole day.

Reinforcements Brought In

For the first time in such exercise, the practice of bringing in reinforcements from outside areas to assist the areas badly damaged in raids was carried out.

Fire Brigade and First Aid parties hurried into the south from places as far west as Poole and as far north as Andover to co-operate with the local services.

Sir John Anderson, commenting on this side of the exercise, said it was an essential part of A.R.P. organisation, and the quickness and thoroughness with which outside areas had responded showed the value of the scheme. Sir John saw several incidents arranged to test the various services. One was the rescue of casualties from a burning building on to which an aeroplane had fallen. A dummy plane with swastika markings was used, and soldiers acted as casualties. Ambulance units which took part in the exercise, took over 100 casualties to another town where they were put on to a hospital train.

Norway And The Altmark

Official Reply To British Note

OSLO, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The statement presented to Viscount Halifax by the Norwegian Legation in London, in reply to the British request for full information regarding the way in which the Norwegian authorities had carried out their search of the Altmark, says that when the Altmark was stopped by a second Norwegian torpedo-boat, the commander asked whether the Altmark had on board persons belonging to another belligerent navy, or seamen who were subjects of another belligerent.

The Captain of the Altmark replied in the negative.

The Norwegian Government stresses that the Altmark had not called at Bergen or any other Norwegian port as Viscount Halifax apparently believed, and therefore no question of a 24-hour limit arose.

When it was addressed, from the British side that the prisoners had been badly treated, and that Norway ought, from humanitarian considerations, taken note of this, the Norwegian Government replied that they understood the British feelings, but a neutral state must base its actions in a dispute among belligerents only on positive stipulations in treaties or in international law.

Did Not Call At Bergen

The Norwegian Government stresses that the Altmark had not called at Bergen or any other Norwegian port as Viscount Halifax apparently believed, and therefore no question of a 24-hour limit arose.

When it was addressed, from the British side that the prisoners had been badly treated, and that Norway ought, from humanitarian considerations, taken note of this, the Norwegian Government replied that they understood the British feelings, but a neutral state must base its actions in a dispute among belligerents only on positive stipulations in treaties or in international law.

It is probable that both Denmark and Sweden will shortly conclude a similar agreement.

CANADIAN AIR FORCE ACROSS

Arrival Of First Squadron

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The first squadron of the Canadian Air Force has arrived in England. The squadron landed at a north-western port and without leaving harbour left by special train for an R.A.F. station in the south of England.

Captain H. H. Balfour, Under Secretary for Air, welcomed them on behalf of the Air Minister.

Canadians' "High Trust"

He made a short speech at the quayside after the men had landed. He said that the Canadians were heirs of a great tradition of predecessors. "We know this high trust will be safe in your hands," he concluded.

Lord Derby also spoke, wishing the men a happy time. "I wish the Boche something I know he will get, and that is a hell of a time," he said.

Nazi Pilot's Audacity

Fires On Dutch Plane While Over Holland

THE HAGUE, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the Government is to lodge a strong protest to Berlin against the presence of two German planes over Dutch territory to-day.

One of the German planes was engaged by a Dutch pursuit plane and shots were exchanged. In this encounter the Dutch plane was hit once in the nose and twice in the tail.

"In view of the fact that the German plane not only openly violated Dutch territory but also had the temerity to open fire on the Dutch machine which was acting in lawful execution of its duty, the Dutch Government will lodge a strong protest to Berlin," it is stated.

R.A.F. Plane's Rescue

Sights Men Drifting On A Raft

LONDON, Feb. 25 (British Wire- less).—Once again aircraft of the Coastal Command have been able to save the lives of shipwrecked seamen drifting on a raft.

The pilot of an R.A.F. Coastal Command aircraft patrol this morning made out in half light an object floating on the water.

He came down to investigate and found a raft bearing six men. The seas were washing over them. The men heard the aircraft, looked up and waved.

The pilot circled round the raft to let the men know that they had been sighted and then flew off to find a destroyer which he knew to be not far away. The craft soon made contact with the destroyer and guided it to the raft.

Less than 50 minutes after they had been first seen, the six shipwrecked seamen were all safely on board the warship.

Sumner Welles In Rome

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Feb. 25 (Dome).—Mr. Sumner Welles, the United States Under-Secretary of State, arrived here from Naples this evening.

Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, paid an official call on Mr. Welles at 9.30 this evening.

Mr. Welles will return the visit to Count Ciano on Monday morning, and he will call on Signor Mussolini in the afternoon.

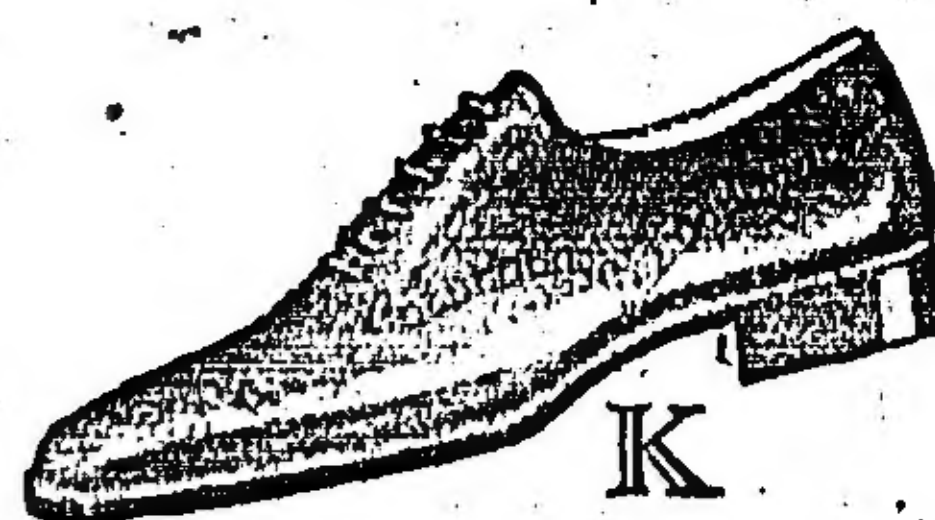
PAJALA BOMBING "MISTAKE"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25 (UP).—The "Berlingske's" Stockholm correspondent says the latest speculation regarding the bombing of Pajala is that the Russian aviators did not dare to report their mistake, thus giving the Kremlin an excuse to deny the raid.

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

KOTEWALL CUP FINAL

South China Defeat Army: Brilliant Play By Lai Shiu-Wing

(By "Rex")

Playing below form in the first half, when they were practically outclassed, South China Athletic Association staged a brilliant second period rally to beat Army by four goals to one in the final of the Kotewall Cup at Causeway Bay yesterday.

To Lai Shiu-wing goes the credit for South China victory. He played his best game this season. Coupled with this was the poor show of the Army defence which did not, at any time, come up to expectations.

Duncan at goal for Army was very shaky throughout the match, his attempts at saving being only half-hearted. Naysmith and Sheehan showed no understanding whatsoever and cleared in a very haphazard fashion. The former had no control over the South China left winger, while the latter managed to cover Yeung at times only.

The half-back line played a very poor game. Their clearances were for the most part uncertain and faulty, and they gave no support to their forwards. Bright's policing of Lee was too rigidly observed and a very off-form Freshwater and Wilkinson combination were unable to cope with either Fung or Lai.

Fox, of whom much was expected, was starved for the major part of the game. In the first-half he received some nice passes from Hossack on the right wing, but failed to press home his advantage. Hossack was the best of a weak forward line but, like Fox, he was neglected by his halves, and an unimpressive inside-right in Burdell killed whatever hopes Army had. Saw came in for some bit of work in the first-half but faded in the second. Thomas muddled all that was given to him.

Cheung Wing-choi for South China was safe. After the first point scored against him, he was hardly bothered for the rest of the match.

Mak Siu-hon was very much below form in his unaccustomed position at left back. He was ably supported by Hau Yung-sang who gave another grand display. But for him Army might have turned the tables on South China.

WEAK HALF-BACK LINE

Kwok Ying-kie, Lam Tak-poo and Soong Ling-sing formed one of the weakest half-back line ever to be fielded by South China for a long time. Lam was the chief offender, never being where he was needed. Soong played an unimpressive game, while Kwok, after a very shaky first-half, went on in the second half to give a good account of himself.

With the exception of Lai Shiu-wing and Ip Pak-wah, South China's forwards were very tame indeed. Yeung Shiu-yek, on the right wing, came in for some nice centres, and

HOW TEAMS FARED

KOTEWALL CUP

Army 1 South China "A" 4

SENIOR SHIELD

Royal Scots 0 Eastern 3

JUNIOR SHIELD

30th R.A. 5 Kowloon

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon 3 S. China "A" 3

S. China "B" 2 Kwong Wah

Police 0 12th R.A.

0 Royal Navy

1 Club

SECOND DIVISION

South China 3 Ordnance 0

THIRD DIVISION

International 2 5th R.A. 1

Kumamots 3 South China 2

24th R.A. 1 R.A.M.C. 0

Royal Scots 0 12th R.A. 0

0 Signals 2

Electric 0

Game played as friendly—dis-

tribution of points subject to deci-

sion of H.K.F.A.

Some goals at goal. Beyond that,

he was hardly seen. Fung King-cheung

spoiled Lee Wai-long at centre to

no purpose. One could see and

sense him working for openings, but

these never materialised. Lee was a

trier but could not shake off Bright.

Lai made rings round the Army de-

fence and, with Ip, formed the most

dangerous flank of both teams.

South China stopped the initial

Army attack in their half-back line

and the ball was brought up by

Ip who crossed to Yeung. From

Yeung's centre Fung tried to run

through but was stopped by Nay-

smit and returned to the attack

through Hossack who easily tricked

Mak and centred. Fox, after miss-

ing a sitter, received the ball from

Saw, who was lying well back, and

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South China defeated the Army by four goals to one in the final of the Kotewall Cup competition yesterday. The winners are seen giving three cheers to the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, who presented the trophy. —Mae Cheung.

Entries For Colony Tennis Championships

The Colony tennis championships, organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club, have attracted 37 entries for the Singles and 19 for the Doubles.

Below are the names of the players who have entered:

COLONY SINGLES

A. Crawford, Y. C. Lau, Firdos Khan, O. Rumschlag, Dew Lurie, R. A. Hazack, Leung Ping-chiu, J. Gosselink, M. Poch, E. Zaluski, T. C. Monaghan, A. Pearce, T. J. Gould, J. R. Turner, L. C. Pearce, Okhama Umehani, Lee Hung-nok, H. D. Rumschlag, S. A. Rumschlag, I. Agastorff, R. W. Bisset, Jr., S. A. Gray, Tsui Yun-pui, Tsui Wai-pui, Paul Kong, S. A. Rumschlag, Tennis Kwok, Kwok Hing-chung, Wei Chung, L. J. S. Theobald, J. W. Leonard, Peter U. W. C. Hung, G. S. Lavett and Ho Ka-lau.

COLONY DOUBLES

A. R. Kitchell and L. M. A. Hazack, Paul Orlam and Leung Ping-chiu, F. Gosselink and A. A. J. Remedios, T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould, T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay, J. L. C. Pearce and B. J. Kinnear, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson, E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hing, Lee Hung-nok and J. W. Leonard, H. D. and S. A. Rumschlag, I. and B. Agastorff, Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui, Paul Kong and B. Sato, F. H. Loughlin, L. J. S. Theobald and S. Garsner, Ng Kwok Ping-fan, Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing.

Club Singles—M. Poch, E. Zaluski, T. C. Monaghan, T. A. Pearce, T. J. Gould, J. R. Turner, L. C. Pearce, Okhama Umehani, Lee Hung-nok, H. D. Rumschlag, S. A. Rumschlag, I. Agastorff, R. W. Bisset, Jr., S. A. Gray, Tsui Yun-pui, Tsui Wai-pui, Paul Kong, S. A. Rumschlag, Tennis Kwok, Kwok Hing-chung, Wei Chung, L. J. S. Theobald, J. W. Leonard, Peter U. W. C. Hung, G. S. Lavett and Ho Ka-lau.

opened for Army with Cheung un-

sighted, three minutes from the

whistle.

Army was raiding continuously

from this time, Hossack receiving

much of the ball and tricking Mak

with astonishing ease. But for the

timely interference of Hau, Army

should have been about four goals

up.

SOUTH CHINA EQUALISE

South China then came in for their share of raids and Army's goal was miraculously left intact. Twenty minutes after the whistle Lai received from Fung to go through the Army defence and tapped the ball over the head of the advancing Duncan. The ball struck the crossbar for Ip to dash in and put it past Duncan for South China's equaliser. A few minutes before time Lai sent Ip with a beautiful pass for the latter cleverly trick Naysmith and centre to Fung who headed the ball in from an offside position. The goal was disallowed.

From the resumption South China had matters very much their own way and pressed Army on the defensive. Lai, Ip and Fung indulged in a series of short passages which were a delight to watch. Lai was very unfortunate with several of his shots which struck the cross bar and upright and rebounded into play.

Lai tried to pierce Army defence on his own, failing which he passed to Ip. He received the ball from Ip and scored with a first timer, well-placed but very weak.

Some time later Lai received a long forward pass from Kwok to carry the ball to the right wing and slipped an oblique shot at a surprised Duncan who helped push the ball in.

South China pressed very hard and Army defence crumbled under the strain. It was surprising that South China did not score any more. It appeared they were working for Fung and Lee to be the next scorers.

After several unsuccessful attempts by Lee to score, he was rewarded with a goal for a hard day's work. Fung drew the defence on him and left Lee with a clear field. He was not fast enough to take advantage of the opening and was pounced upon by Naysmith whom he tricked to send in a nicely placed shot which had Duncan beaten all the way. The

Cricket

Indian R.C. Juniors Show Improvement

Far from impressive at the beginning of the season, the Indian R.C. juniors have developed into a useful side with a definite chance of carrying off the Shield, and on Saturday they went a step further in their quest when they defeated the Police R.C. by three wickets at Happy Valley.

The hitherto undefeated Police team failed badly in their batting and were all out for 88, of which their skipper, C. Pope, made 45 and P. H. Loughlin 24. Thus, only 19 runs were made by the rest of the side. Apart from these two, the Police batsmen could do little against anything but short-length balls. Pope played a vigorous innings but was fortunate to score as many as he did. His first scoring stroke was a snick through the slips for four, and before he had reached 20 he had another escape through the same gap. Loughlin's knock was more orthodox; he displayed a sound defence and was finally bowled by a beauty from young Arcull.

Unconvincing though the Police total of 88 was, it should have been even smaller; but the Indian fielders did not accept all the chances that went to hand. M. R. Abbas kept a steady length to take six wickets for 32.

COMFORTABLE START

On the small Police ground, it was not anticipated that any difficulty would be experienced by the Indians. They started off quite comfortably despite the fact that both H. T. Barma and A. R. Safford were bowled by "Yorkers." But there was a turn in the fortunes of the game when K. M. Rumschlag, who had shown a complete mastery over the bowling, was given out to a palpable "bump" ball. He had scored 27 in good style.

After Rumschlag left, at 45 there was still a chance for the Police, but M. R. Abbas and A. R. Marker then took the total to 71, and through two quick wickets fell at this stage.

All with a hard-hitting 18 not out, and Marker then carried the side to victory.

This victory has given the Indians 12 points from five matches. They held joint first position with the K.C.C. in the League, but have a game in hand.

The Indians have three more matches to play—against Craigengower C.C., Club de Recreo and the Civil Service C.C. Their recent showings have stamped them to be a better team than most people have originally thought, but there is a feeling of weakness which has frequently let down the bowlers. A little improvement in this department would make their championship prospects very rosy indeed.

whistle blew with South China pressing.

South China—Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Ying-sang, Mak Siu-hon; Kwok Ying-kie, Lam Tak-poo, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shiu-yek, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-long, Lai Shiu-wing and Ip Pak-wah.

British Army Beat French At Rugby

Paris, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—In the first Franco-British rugby encounter since 1931, the British Army beat the French Army by 36 points to 3.

The British team comprised entirely of English, Scottish, Irish or Welsh Internationals. They played brilliantly, were much heavier at forwards and got the ball constantly, which the three-quarters made good use of, whereas the French, perhaps awed by the reputation of their opponents, were hesitant and always on the defensive after the first 15 minutes.

Badminton

Chinese "Y" Beat Recreo

The Chinese Y.M.C.A., who have so far not been defeated in the "A" Division of the Badminton League, scored another victory on Saturday, this time over the Club de Recreo. They won by six sets to three.

L. A. Carvalho and J. J. Remedios (Recreo) lost to F. Koh and P. H. Wong 10-12; lost to H. M. Lau and F. C. Chung 23-24; beat C. Au and H. Koh 21-15.

A. M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira (Recreo) lost to Koh and Wong 12-21; beat Lau and Chung 21-18; beat Au and Koh 21-18.

H. A. Barros and C. C. Pereira (Recreo) lost to Koh and Wong 14-21; lost to Lau and Chung 11-21; lost to Au and Koh 18-21.

TABLE TO DATE

Chinese Y.M.C.A.	P.W.L.	A.P.
University "A"	0	0
University "B"	0	0
University "C"	0	0
Chung Wah	0	0

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Results of the softball matches played yesterday were:

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Wildcats	7 Pirates	5
Wahoos	10 Cardinals	5
Ball Club	10 Cubs	2
Canuckettes	15 Recreo	8

MEN'S LEAGUE

Canadian	11 Filipinos	10
Chinese	17 Liga	1

HONG LEAGUE

Socony	18 Ewo	7
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FRIENDLY

Chung Hwa	10 Emp. of Russia	1
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Olympic Champion Killed

HELSINKI, Feb. 14 (UP).—Gunnar Hoekert, holder of the world's 3,000-meter run record, was killed in battle on the Karelian front on Sunday.

Hoekert gained international fame when he won the 3,000-meter run in the 1936 Olympics at Berlin.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY

Scotland Defeat England: Ireland Lose To Wales

(By "Fly-half")

Changes in the teams playing in the International Tournament on Saturday robbed the matches of a great deal of their interest in a competitive light as the teams lost their national character. Both games were interesting to watch.

The England v. Scotland game was a ding-dong struggle between equally matched teams. It was hard luck on the English players to have lost the game by a kick and especially by one taken by Bidwell who should have appeared with instead of against them.

SCOTLAND, OUTPLAYED

Scotland, outplayed at forward in the first half had few opportunities of getting their backs in action and, with the English backs missing their chances, the chief danger to Scotland came from the English forwards with Needham, Wright-Nooch, Bompas and Blackman to the fore.

Hewitt, hooking for England, at first gave the impression that he was going to rule the set scrums, but as the game progressed the heavier Scots forwards were down the English eight and Sutherland almost gained a monopoly for Scotland.

Henderson had the measure of Foley at the base of the scrums and it was chiefly due to the Scottish halves that England were kept out in the first half.

The English inside three-quarters, Paul and Charter, did not strike a happy combination but individually had some good runs. Seldom did the ball get out to the wing three-quarters of both teams due mainly to keen tackling and marking by the opposition.

FULL-BACKS SAFE

Both full-backs were safe with Stevens' playing being more colourful by virtue of his attempts to join the three and set them in motion and also by his excellent touch kicking which gained much valuable ground.

In the line-outs, Macrae, Miller and Cuthbertson eventually gave Scotland an advantage in this department. Macrae, Miller and Rinkerton were the pick of the Scottish forwards in the loose.

The first half saw England peg away at the Scots' line and only by bad luck did they fail to score. Scotland, during this period, made good use of the touch kick for relieving the pressure. Paul fell short with two penalties and was unfortunate when an attempt by him to drop a goal was blocked.

With the breeze behind them after the interval, Scotland soon went ahead when Bidwell dropped a grand goal from near the ten yard line.

A good move, initiated by Stevens, had the Scots' defence spread-angled but the pass from Charter to Berry was knocked on by the Army forward who played on the wing.

A somewhat similar mishap befell Scotland when Henderson fumbled a pass from Thomson when on the English line. Later, Berry cleverly kicked ahead only to lose the touchdown to Kennedy (Navy). Try as they would up to the last moment, Scotland could not cross the English line.

IRELAND OUTPLAYED

Wales outplayed Ireland but found the Irish defence a stumbling block when it came to the final thing. The two Army wing-threes, Richards and Artingstall, playing as a right-wing combination, by strong running kept the Irishmen busy defending. The former was seen at his best and his punt ahead to regather the ball on the bounce when flat out was the best movement of the afternoon if not the best seen locally for some time.

Although outshone by Richards and Artingstall, Morgan and Bowden were also much in the picture. Hopkins was a resourceful full-back and generally found a safe touch.

Lavalle and B. Hynes were hard working Irish three-quarters. The latter revealed that he can be a reliable three in addition to his good forward play.

O'Riordan and Gallagher, two youthful halves, were more resourceful than their opposite numbers, Coombes and Grace, although they were inclined to risk a lot.

HAND WORKING FORWARDS

Wallden, Taylor and Ferris were hard working Welsh forwards, who had not everything their own way against a rugged Irish eight, in which Dempsey and King played well.

Morgan gained first blood for Wales after Artingstall had made the opening. Coombes converted. King reduced the lead when he kicked a penalty goal for Ireland. This was followed by Richards' glorious try. Coombes converted from in front of the posts. Then Bowden went over well out and again Coombes brought out full points with a long kick.

After the interval, Richards, following up a kick ahead, dashed over for an unconverted try. Morgan next went over, following good work by the Welsh forwards. Coombes again failed with the kick. A break through by Artingstall saw him transfer to Richards who went on to score. Hopkins missed the kick.

JUNIOR GOLF TITLE

In the final of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fanling, yesterday, J. W. Mayhew beat H. N. Williamson over 36 holes by 10 and 9.



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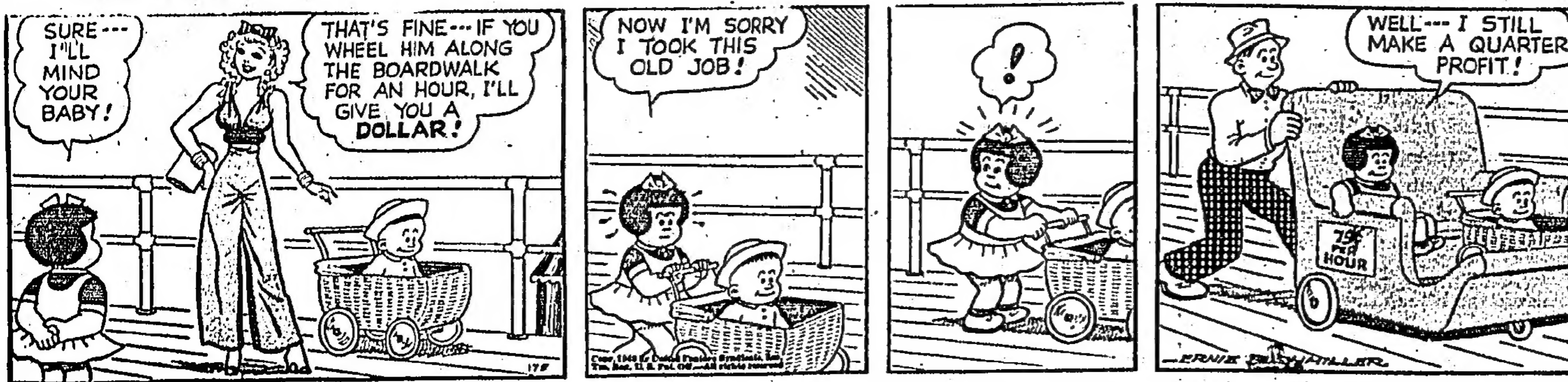
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

World's Press Speaks

The Nazis' Weaknesses Exposed Another Failure By Ribbentrop

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Swiss paper, "Tribune," says: "The arrival of the Nazis is a striking reply to the activities of German agents who have vainly sought to raise the peoples of the Near and Middle East against 'perfidious Albion', and another example of the miscalculation of Ribbentrop and his associates concerning the disintegration of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

The Budapest paper, "Nemzeti Ujsag," in an article entitled "British Imperial Constructive Work in Arabia," shows the systematic work of the last 20 years in building a network of bases on the fringes of Arabia, facilitating the work of the Weyland army.

Already Communist

The American paper, "Memphis Commercial Appeal," says: "Don't worry about Germany swinging from Nazism to Communism. It has already occurred."

The "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" says: "A report in current economic circles that the only Russian oil Germany has obtained since the war began is in reality not from the wells of pre-war Russia but from Russian-occupied Poland, the annual production of which has been only 450,000 tons."

A "New York Times" article by Anne O'Hara McCormick quotes a Hungarian statesman who made the remark that a pilgrim in southeastern Europe has heard it repeated in every capital he visited that "east of Germany the feeling is stronger than in the west that Germany has already lost the war."

It is strange, says the article, that the nations most terrified by the powers of the Reich are the least impressed by the idea of Germany's invincibility.

NO STATE OF EMERGENCY

Turkish Mobilisation Reports Denied

ISTANBUL, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Reports that Turkey has declared a state of emergency are absolutely without foundation.

The country is perfectly calm and there is no evidence that any abnormal situation exists.

The reports may have originated as a result of confusion with the enforcement of the economic emergency law, which has no military significance, but was simply designed to adapt national economy to defence requirements.



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Bermuda Cold Shouldered

Pan-American Airways To Divert Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (UP).—Pan-American Airways today announced that they will omit Bermuda from their Trans-Atlantic flights after March 15 since the United States Government has decided to establish two vessels in mid-Atlantic for weather reporting, thus making it possible for the Clippers to make the long hop. The announcement did not mention the seizures of United States mail at Bermuda. Officials here state that they knew nothing of Pan-American's decision, and indicated that it has been made on the Company's own initiative. It will be recalled that Mr. Cordell Hull last week threatened to force Pan-American Airways to quit Bermuda.

JAPANESE TAP U.S. MAIL

HANKOW, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The American Consul-General has made representations to the Japanese authorities concerning official interference consequent to lengthy delays in the delivery of mail addressed to Americans in this district. It is understood that several recent copies of the "North China Daily News," the "Evening Post" and private letters have been received broken open, and on occasions over a fortnight late.

Stowaway On The Pres. Pierce

Rodrigo Villarejo, 23, of Manila, was charged with stowing away from Manila on board the Pres. Pierce, and entering the Colony without a passport, before Mr. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistracy this morning. He was cautioned on the first charge, and had an expulsion order made against him on the second charge.

FINNS EVACUATE TO COPENHAGEN

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—One hundred Finnish children and some mothers will leave here for Copenhagen on March 5. They are the first batch of evacuees which Denmark, like the other Scandinavian countries, is to receive.

At the same time a second contingent of 300 Danish metal workers left Copenhagen for Helsingfors yesterday. This is part of a big plan to help Finland in which the trade unions in Norway, Sweden and Denmark are sending skilled workers to keep Finnish industries going while the Finnish workers are fighting at the front.

Steamer Sinks In Yangtse

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Feb. 25 (UP).—The 125-ton river steamer Mingwang, belonging to the Mingsung Steamer Company, struck a rock and sank at 10 a.m. on February 23 in deep water in the Yangtse rapids about ten miles south of Suifu in Szechwan.

The steamer was carrying a full complement of passengers and was travelling down river. The exact number of casualties is not known, although the number believed drowned is believed to be high since the steamer had accommodation for 300 and only a few are reported to be saved. The report said poor visibility was responsible for the disaster.

Professor Moody Meng, ex-President of the National College of Pharmacy, will speak on the "Development of Pharmacy in China" at the 11th meeting of the Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel on Thursday.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1890. The Federation Conference, held at Melbourne, has unanimously adopted a motion for the union of all the Australian Colonies under one Government.

Such an imposing display of men-of-war that to be seen in the harbour and adjacent waters yesterday has rarely occurred. There were no less than eleven British ships, containing 2,000 men, besides the eight splendid vessels of the Peking squadron—four of which left during the day—in Kowloon Bay.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1915. The bombardment of Rheims was resumed yesterday being very violent. It lasted eleven hours and 1,600 shells were thrown over the town. The interior of the Cathedral was wrecked, 20 houses were set ablaze and 20 civilians killed.

The Official Press Bureau announced that, owing to jealousy arising out of recent promotions, a portion of the 1st Light Infantry (late 5th Buffs) at Singapore, refused to obey orders, and caused a serious riot, which had to be quelled by the local Forces, assisted by men from the British and Allied ships. The casualties were 6 officers, 14 British soldiers and 14 civilians killed, and 8 British soldiers wounded. Some of the rioters were killed. A large number surrendered and others were captured. A Tokyo telegram states that Japanese and French warships assisted to quell the riot and that some Japanese were wounded.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1930. Serious disturbances have occurred at several performances at the Grand Theatre during the week-end, arising from Chinese objections to certain features of Harold Lloyd's first all-talking picture "Welcome Danger." At one time, there was a danger of very serious rioting and Mr. Giles, the manager of the Theatre was very roughly handled by an angry crowd.

Twice the police had to be called in before the trouble was quelled.

The show started on Friday and there was no comment or protest raised, but a sensation was caused during the matinee on Saturday when a well-known Chinese playwright, who was one of the audience, arose in the middle of the film and harangued the crowd. "The Colony" he did his best to incense the crowd, and though full details of his tirade could not be obtained, the burden of his complaint was that the Harold Lloyd film was an insult to the Chinese nation, inasmuch as it depicted phases of life in the China towns of Californian cities, including the Chinese partially for opium and indulgence in long wars.

Following recent action taken against salesmen employed by the Sincere Company for "trading" in sweep-tickets, the police, during the week-end, raided the premises of two Chinese clubs, these being the Chung Shing Club and the Sullamess Club at Po Ling Fong, and seized thousands of sweep ticket counterfoils.

The action has given rise to the supposition that a definite policy is being pursued by the police authorities in the matter of these sweep-tickets. "The Colony" is being flooded with these tickets," stated a police official today in referring to the large number of new sweeps, representing a marked increase over previous years, that have this year come into existence.

It is learned that the counterfoils seized by the police in the two raids are being retained by the authorities while the matter is carefully gone into.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1935. Submarine is said to be responsible for the loss of the giant United States battleship, which plunged downwards during manoeuvres off the California coast, taking two men to their deaths.

Italian transports, loaded with fighting men, army labourers and provisions of war, are on their way across the Mediterranean, bound for the African coast. They will take up positions on the frontiers of Eritrea or Italian Somaliland to be prepared for any emergency which may arise from the strained relations between Italy and Abyssinia.

The most famous and popular of all English cricketers, Jack Hobbs, is retiring from first class cricket.

Following the rise in London silver prices, the Hongkong dollar appreciated a further farthing on opening this morning, the rate being 1s. 10.5/8d. Inter-bank business early on was about 1s. 10.13/16d.

Denial of Germany, expressed by one state, and a rigorous protest against the treatment of foreign nationals on German soil coming from another state, have been the latest elements to disturb the political peace in Central Europe. In London, Baron von Berget-Walder, Austrian Foreign Minister, expressed denials of the Nazi regime and resentment at the pretension that Germany's was the master mind behind Austria's destiny. A sharp note has been received from the Soviet, protesting against the treatment of a Soviet subject.

Berlin West Front Report

Artillery Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Feb. 25 (UP).—The official news agency report from the front says: "There was the usual artillery fire between the Moselle river and the Palatinate forest which increased last night on the right wing east of the Moselle."

"A French detachment of about 40 men tried at dawn to capture a German advance guard. The plan failed, however, because of the watchfulness of the Germans. In a border sector French patrols were repulsed before they could make any reconnaissances."

Allied Planes Downed

"Slight enemy reconnaissance activity was observed in the air. One French plane of the Mureaux type was brought down by German anti-aircraft fire. One British plane of the Lockheed-Hudson type was brought down and destroyed over the Heligoland Bight by German pursuit planes."

"On the upper Rhine, the French tried to take up loudspeaker propaganda. This action was apparently ordered by high quarters and was supplemented by the un-influenced shouts of French soldiers which stood in distinct contrast to the promises of the loudspeaker."

Wanted To Go To Prison

Thief's Novel Excuse

The excuse that he had stolen the fountain pen so that he could go to prison and get rid of the opium smoking habit was given by Mak Chung-kin, 17, when he appeared before Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy this morning.

Inspector Tuckett said Mak snatched the pen from a man's pocket near the Sincere Company yesterday. He was chased by a district watchman and arrested. The pen was valued at \$1.

Mr. Edwards remanded the case for 24 hours to try and find defendant's parents.

British Sailors Charged

Four seamen of the Royal Navy, Francis Hallstones, Granville Ronald Williams, Raymond Donald Reader, and Kenneth Rogers, all aged 19, appeared before Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy this morning, charged with assaulting Lam Man, 32, watchman, outside the Gloucester Hotel at Des Voeux Road Central on Friday.

They all pleaded not guilty, and were remanded until Thursday, February 29, for the case to be heard. Det.-Sgt. Forrest prosecuted.

SPORTS ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 9th March, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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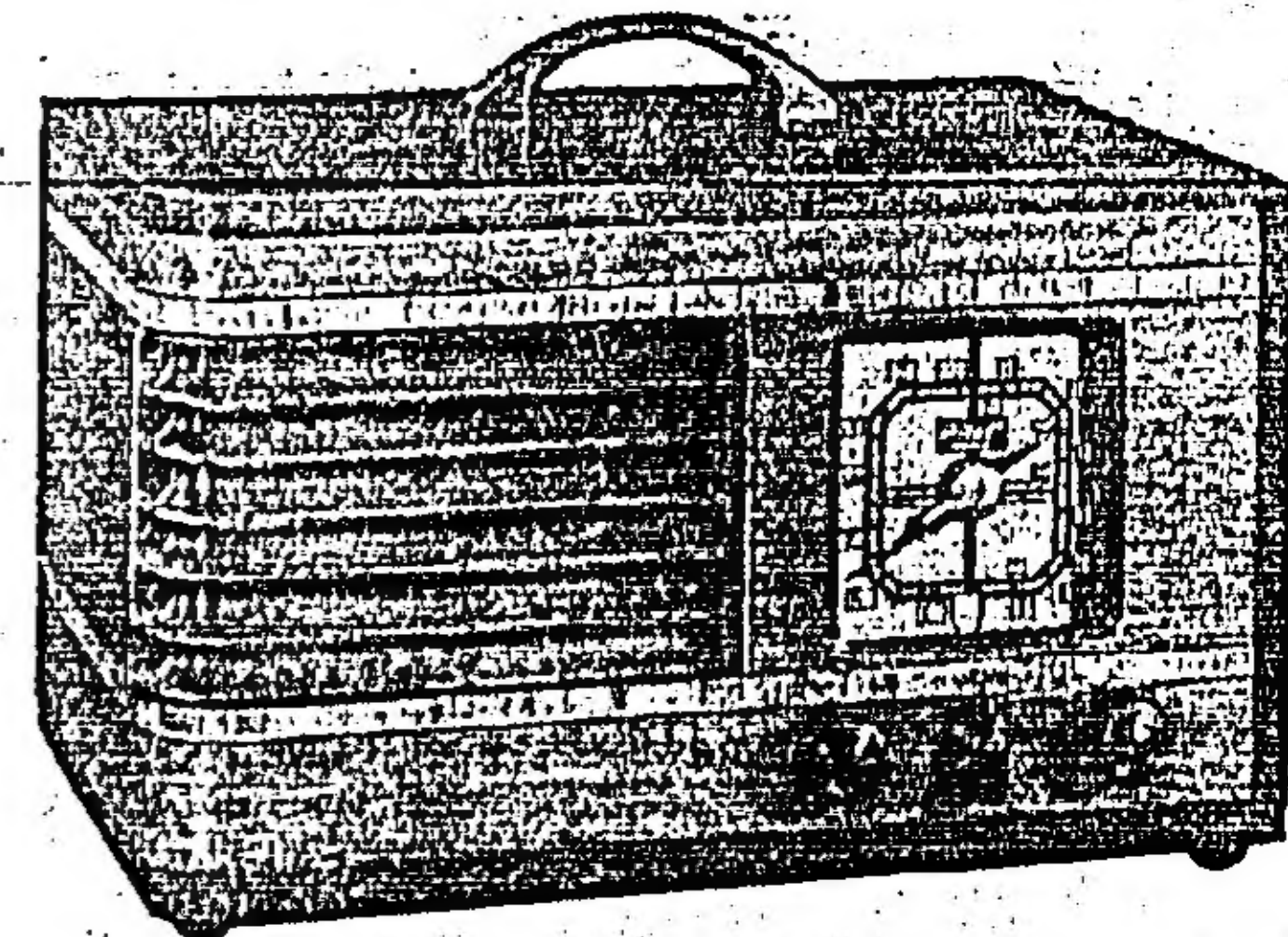


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FIGHTING RAGES IN S. KWANGSI

HEAVY fighting continued unabated on the south Kwangsi front during the week-end as the Japanese rushed reinforcements to maintain their footholds along the Yanchow-Nanning highway, states a "Central News" message from Kweilin this morning.

South of Nanning, Chinese guerrillas have increased their sabotage activities to help the regular's operations in the 30-mile stretch of the highway between Tatang and Slutunghu, just across the Kwangtung border.

It is claimed that Chinese forces are now in complete control of all important points on this section. A message from Chengchow states that Chinese units penetrated into Tsiatso, an important mining town on the Taokow-Chinghwa Railway east of Po Ai in North Honan last Wednesday. Covering the infantry, Chinese artillery heavily pounded the town, scoring direct hits on Japanese ammunition dumps and setting them afire.

The Japanese, it is alleged, lost eight armoured cars and two field pieces, besides sustaining 1,000 casualties.

Fanchang Retaken

On the Central Front, Fanchang, on the south bank of the Yangtze River, which was occupied by the Japanese after a vigorous attack last Friday, has been recaptured by the Chinese in a counter-stroke.

Langkai, in east Anhwei near the south Kwangsi border, has also been re-occupied by the Chinese. The town was lost to the Japanese last Thursday.

On the following day, the Chinese launched a counter-offensive and succeeded in re-entering it. The Japanese retreated in a northerly direction, receiving repeated blows from Chinese mobile units lying in ambush on the way.

Northern Front Activity

On the Northern Front, Japanese forces based at Hsishien, West and Anyi have launched repeated offensives on the Chinese positions in the Chungling Mountain range in South Shansi in the past week.

The most severe fighting took place south-west of Hsishien last Wednesday when 4,000 Japanese encountered staunch Chinese resistance.

It is claimed that the Chinese have recaptured strategic suburban points at Kianghsien, north-east of Hsishien.

Plane Crashes At Croydon

Mystery Aircraft Sets
Fire To Buildings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 25 (UP).—A sensational plane crash to-day resulted in the death of the pilot, set fire to three houses and transformed a suburban street into a sea of blazing petrol.

It has not been divulged whether the plane was a civil or military unit. It crashed within a few moments of hopping off from Croydon airport last night.

It struck the roof of one house, which immediately became ablaze. A family of four living in the house have been sent to hospital with serious injuries.

The plane was reduced to a mass of twisted metal. It is not known whether there were any passengers or crew other than the pilot aboard.

Britain-Japan Settlement Of Tientsin Silver Issue

LONDON, Feb. 25.
A special commentary issued by the Foreign Office declares there is no truth in the recent Domei report from London, published in the Far East to the effect that "it is reliably understood" that Lord Halifax indicated to the Japanese Ambassador on February 20 that the British Government regard the silver question as virtually settled, and intimated that General Chiang Kai-shek has assented to a plan for the transferring of the silver to a neutral bank. The same report attributes to Lord Halifax the further statement that Britain is prepared to alleviate the restrictions on exports to Japan of such commodities as Australian wool and other Empire products so long as the British war aims are not hampered and other neutrals are not enabled to demand similar treatment. The Foreign Office state that this also is entirely untrue.—Reuter.

THE SALE OF AMESBURY ABBEY & STONEHENGE

LONDON, Nov. 27.
Twice within the early days of a war, first in 1915 and now again, Amesbury Abbey, has come into the market.

In 1915, the property comprised in the present offer formed only the first of 89 lots, and the total area exceeded 10 square miles.

Great though the historic and prehistoric and literary interest of Amesbury is, there was in the 1915 auction one lot of predominant importance, Stonehenge. Something of the significance of what Canon Rawnsley called "the sacred rampart of Salisbury Plain," is expressed by him: "None who approach within eyesight of the solemn company of circling stones but felt that God might indeed inhabit that temple made with hands, but He alone." The hammer fell to a bid of £6,000.

LEGACY LEFT TO CHURCHYARD

LONDON.
George Smith, Charles Smith and their sister kept house together for more than 50 years at Faversham in Kent.

Charles was the first to die and was buried in the village churchyard, which was in a sad state of repair. By the will just published of George Smith, however, who died last November a legacy of £5,000 has been left to the vicar and churchwardens, the income from which is to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the churchyard. This bequest was made in memory of his brother Charles.

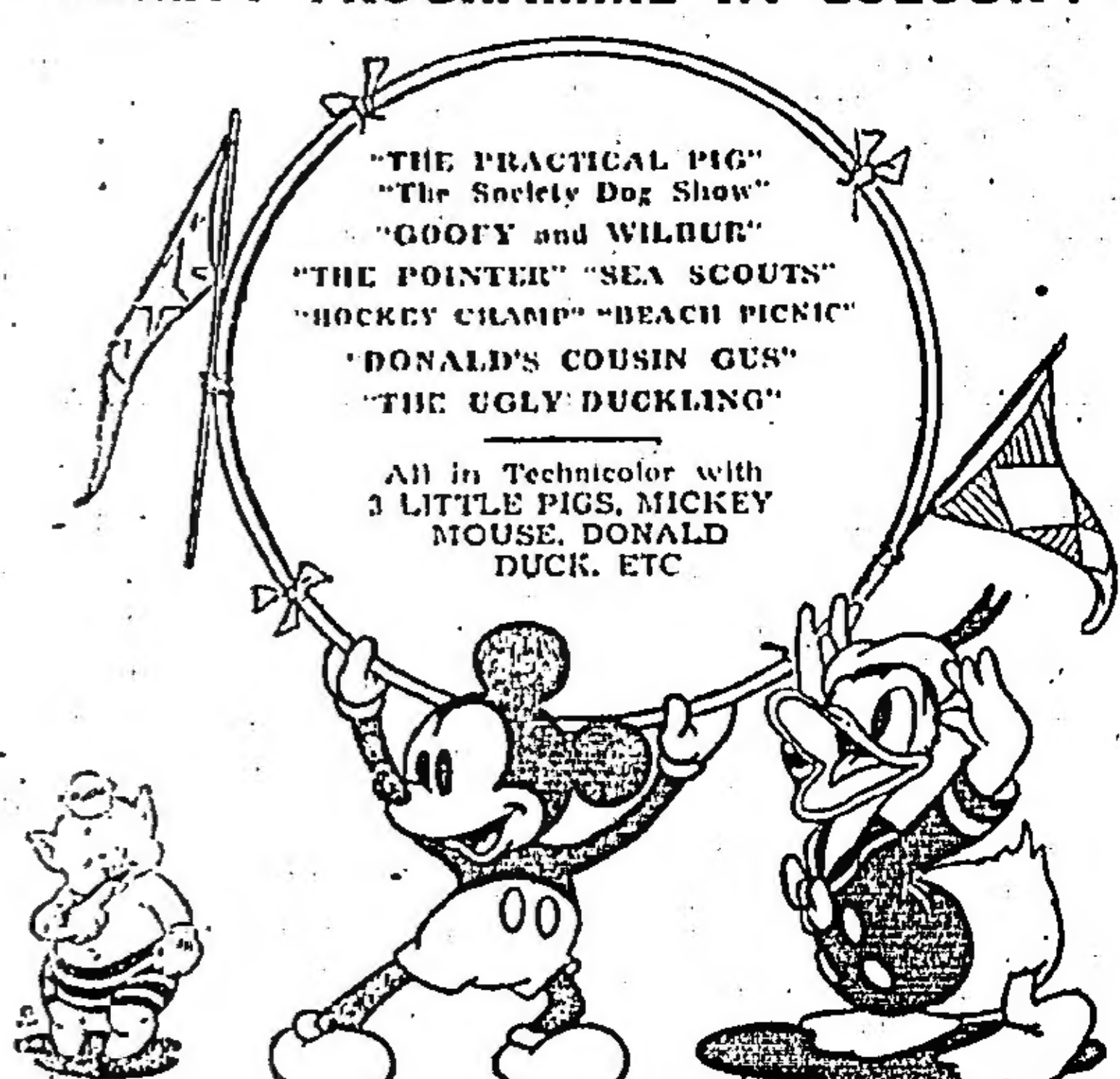
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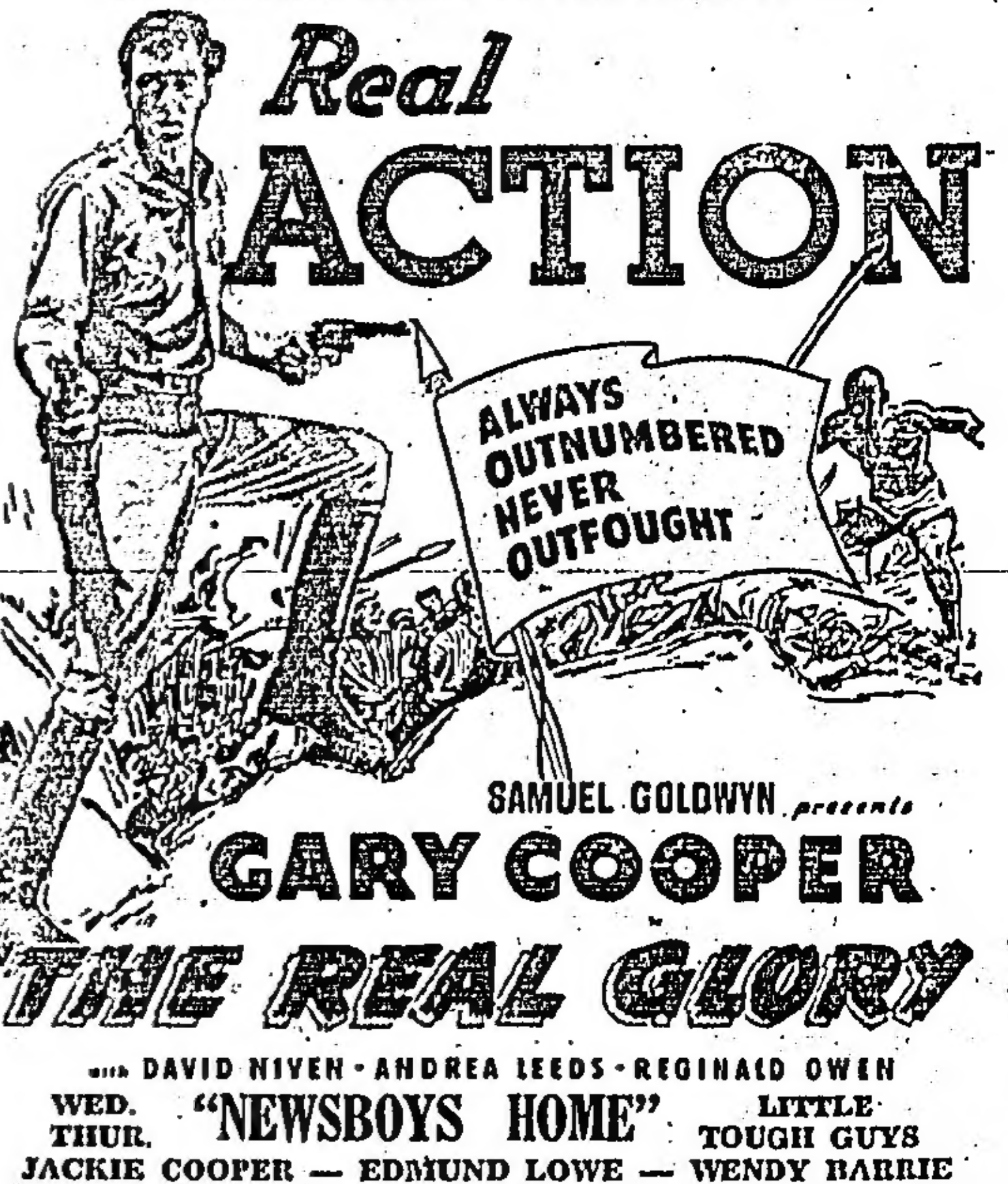
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